

Nearly 17K PU students change exam centres for English paper

They are scared of contracting Covid; arrangements being made for border dist students

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AN increasing number of pre-university students have chosen to change their exam centres due to fears that they could contract Covid-19, official figures show.

Until Wednesday, 16,957 students had applied to write the English exam, to be held on June 18, at centres close to their native places, according to a draft list uploaded on website of the department of pre-university education. That is up by 728 from the number released on Monday. Students have time till June 5 to apply for a change in the exam centre.

Minister of primary and secondary education S Suresh Kumar had said on Monday that 16,229 students had expressed interest in writing the exam at centres near their native places and that arrangements were being made to accommodate them in centres nearest to them.

The draft list shows the revised district exam centres of only students studying in hostels or children of parents who migrate to Karnataka for work but are not in the state at present. Principals will be given time to make necessary changes, if any, to the list up to June 5.

The government is also making arrangements for students who live in border districts to write the exam in a district in Karnataka closest to them.

For instance, the office of the deputy director of pre-university education in Dakshina Kannada has been told to make necessary arrangements, including for travel, for students from Kasargod district in Kerala.

The draft list of students in border districts will be uploaded on the department website on June 5. Principals of colleges will get a day's time to make amendments.

The final list of students with the revised choice of exam centre will be uploaded on the department's website on June 7. Students must download a copy of the final list and produce it at the exam centre. For details, students can contact: 080-23083900.



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II PU lecturers threaten to boycott evaluation

Bengaluru: Pre-university lecturers have demanded that the state government either de-centralise the evaluation of science subjects answer scripts or postpone it until the state returns to normalcy, failing which, they would boycott the process altogether. The Karnataka Pre University College Lecturers' Association made the demand on Wednesday, raising concerns about the risk of contracting Covid-19 during travel and evaluation itself. While the evaluation of other subjects is being carried out in 34 centres in eight districts, science subjects will be evaluated in Bengaluru alone, starting Thursday. The lecturers' association has said that only 20 per cent of lecturers are in Bengaluru and that it would be difficult for the rest to get to the state capital. **ENS**

Kids at risk, irate parents write to minister

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A barrage of letters landed at the education department after Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar asked schools to mediate and arrive at dates for reopening institutions.

Irate parents emailed the minister on ambiguity in the government's circular about how schools would collect information, and even requested him to reconsider opening of schools. The government is mulling reopening schools in

July, and has asked managements to get parents' opinion.

But parents expressed displeasure. "What is the criteria for the proposal? Such decisions need to be based on Covid data," said a parent. A major challenge is transporting children, while maintaining social distancing, a private school administrator said.

D Shashi Kumar, general secretary, Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka, was glad the government was willing to consider reopening schools and had sought stakeholders' opinion. A source revealed managements are finding it difficult to sustain online education. The online petition on Change.org had 4,85,272 signatories.

Academic Niranjanaadhya VP welcomed the decision of the government to hear out parents. But he proposed that the government involve medical and educational experts too.

While most of the discussion revolves around children from better off families, he said it is important to focus on children of labourers as there is a high chance of them dropping out of school. Niranjanaadhya said UN Covenant on Child Rights states that children's opinion is important too.

The government will not rush into any decision on reopening schools as it could hamper the health of students. We are in the process of designing an alternative mechanism for teaching

Suresh Kumar, Primary Education Minister

Zoos roaring to go from June 8, norms not yet set

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE zoos which have been shut for more than two months now, will open from June 8.

While the state government and the Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) is yet to officially release the set of rules, forest minister Anand Singh told TNIE, "We have decided to open zoos from June 8. The set of dos and don'ts will be announced soon."

Earlier, Mysuru zoo had announced that they will start operations. They had informed that only limited people will be allowed, routes of visitors will be closely monitored, and the number of people visiting will be restricted.

However, no such statement has been made by Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru. The Bannerghatta zoo management stated that though they were ready to open the zoo and start only online ticket sales along with

no group bookings and treat families as a group, the final decision was awaited from the government, BBBP Executive Director Vanashri Vipin Singh said.

The decision on opening of Bannerghatta Zoo is also being examined by the health and family welfare department and disaster management authority. The zoo management has assured the government and ZAK that no AC safari buses will operate and the number of people on safari will also be limited. Jeeps used for safaris will also have partitions.

Minister Singh said that all the commitments were being examined and the final rules will be announced. "However, safaris in forests will not be opened. This decision will be taken only after consultation with the central government. Till further orders, the forests are out of bounds for people to visit," he said.



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'Efficient public transport, EVs need of hour'

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

IN a bid to provide solutions to mobility issues affecting the city, a report has suggested that measures such as developing data governance and technology frameworks to policy recommendations, and supporting indigenous manufacturing and new mobility services to EV pilots with charging infrastructure, would go a long way in fixing these issues.

The report — 'Accelerating Bangalore's Mobility Transition: Insights from the Bangalore Urban Mobility Lab' — details 10 actionable solutions to address the city's mobility challenges and accelerate the transition to more efficient systems for moving people and goods. The solutions are said to support the city's longer-term mobility goals, and also inform the near-term actions required as the lockdown is lifted.

The solutions were generated by over 150 stakeholders during a workshop, in partnership with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport, Invest Karnataka Forum, and Department of Industries and Commerce. Participants developed action plans for solutions across several interrelated thematic areas, including charging and battery swapping infrastructure, EV manufacturing, first and last-mile connectivity, public transport, and urban final-mile delivery. Other solutions included approach to developing service-based public transport contracts and awareness campaigns for non-motorised transport. The report was published by Rocky Mountain Institute, RMI India, and Micelio.

"As Bengaluru restarts economic activity after the lockdown, we need to ensure that adequate safety measures are in place because the city cannot afford to lose its public transport ridership," said Akshima Ghate, Principal at RMI.

EXPRESS READ

BDA Commissioner transferred

BDA Commissioner Dr G C Prakash has been posted as Regional Commissioner, Mysuru. Bidar Dy Commissioner Dr H R Mahadev replaces him. Ramachandran R, director, National Health Mission, Bengaluru, is Bidar DC. Dr Arundathi Chandrashekar, director, National Urban Livelihood Mission, Bengaluru, is director, NHM. **ENS**

NIMHANS resumes OPD services

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences has resumed out patient department services for in person visits from June 1. However, NIMHANS has requested people to obtain appointments by phone (080-26991699) or obtain teleconsultation where possible. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04th June: Some people I know are once again getting very excited about the prospect of secret chambers under the Sphinx, which are linked to the stars. Could they reveal some hidden prophecy? I don't think so! But they might tell us something about the ancient Egyptian view of the heavens, depending on what inscriptions we find.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It's a day to take stock, to work out where you are and where you're going. You may feel you have achieved enough for now, and I think you are fully justified in resting on your laurels, at least for a little while longer. Never slip into complete complacency, though.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You may still be in the thick of things, but gradually the dust will begin to settle. One way or another, home affairs must use more time. If it's not a matter of breakages and repairs, then it will be the emotional demands which play on your nerves.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Remember that magnetic Mars is your firm ally, but beware of over-confidence. You must therefore be tremendously assertive, but not at all aggressive. You should be attentive to other people and listen carefully to their wishes, otherwise your reputation will suffer.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There's almost no perceptible change in your stars since yesterday, which means that money matters are still way up the agenda. Psychologically, though, the main issue seems to be the extent to which you lack self-esteem. Try to believe in yourself more than in the past.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Jupiter and the Moon make a pretty emotional pair and, although the general trend is towards good fortune, I am concerned that you may misjudge the situation. Never mistake license for liberty, and never imagine that you can do whatever you want just because nobody says you can't!

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

Secrecy may be essential, and I don't think you should feel badly about keeping something to yourself. However, feelings such as resentment, jealousy and suspicion should have no place in your emotional repertoire. At the end of the day, if you feel badly towards someone, they might feel the same to you!

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

You must be prepared for your mood to change by this evening as the earth spins and the Sun moves. If lunar alignments have their way, you may soon begin to feel quieter and more solitary. Socially, you may therefore feel towards intimate encounters a way from larger gatherings.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

There are so many snares and pitfalls at the moment that it is difficult to know what to do next. However, you may decide what is really urgent and tackle less important issues when you have more time available. That means that other people may have to wait for you for a change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

If you are unable to express your feelings over the next two months, the truth might still be dragged out of you! You may therefore like to think now about how and when you must tell others what has been going on. You must prepare your story with care.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You should get all financial affairs settled today, regardless of whether you're shifting currency around the globe or picking up a bargain at the corner shop. By the time evening comes, you may begin to feel more relaxed and at ease with yourself - if all goes according to plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

The recent confrontation between the Sun and the Moon represented a battle between two sharply opposing psychological pressures. Hopefully, a few personal illusions have now been overcome and you can get on with the future, much wiser - and perhaps a little more mature!

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

There's a higher than average chance of a domestic tiff, but all that means is that you must exert more than your usual degree of charm to soothe the frayed feathers and persuade others that they have no need to shout. It may take some time, but you'll get there!

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HARD

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzles

8	2	6	4	3	1	9	7	5
4	5	9	6	8	7	2	3	1
3	1	7	9	2	5	8	6	4
7	8	5	3	6	4	1	9	2
6	9	3	8	1	2	5	4	7
1	4	2	7	5	9	3	8	6
2	7	4	1	9	8	6	5	3
9	6	1	5	4	3	7	2	8
5	3	8	2	7	6	4	1	9

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FEYHT
SNHIY
ITIFEN
EAGLEU

Answer here: " " " " " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: FRUIT USHER OVERDO CANARY

Answer: Her sweater was covered in cat hair after the cat hair was — "TRANS-FURRED"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



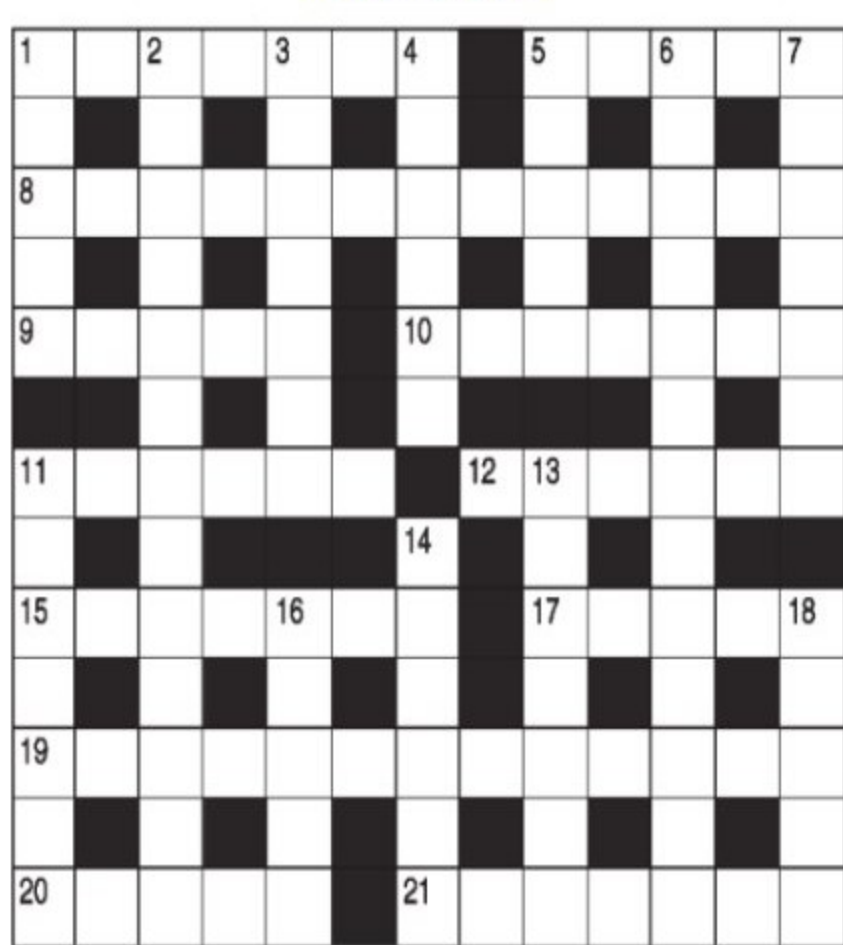
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers (Monday)

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CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- They tell us how to write endless bad verse perhaps (7)
- Skin head (5)
- He explains to the pupils what has happened (7,6)
- It is said in France to be the same (5)
- Guaranteed safe in the end (7)
- He failed to turn the tide (6)
- Follow a noisy animal - to its earth presumably (3,3)
- He didn't trust his wife to return a greeting (7)
- Sat perplexed (5)
- Yet it might incur a sharp answer (5,8)
- How bread's gone up (5)
- Scent of peculiar quality (7)

DOWN

- Pained expression (5)
- Right time for the healthy to be admitted to hospital (8,5)
- Tour too complicated to get rid of completely (4,3)
- Pen used by the French to portray fashions (6)
- Navigational aids for a sailor in a ship (5)
- More or less following a style (5,17)
- Knock up a note before then? It can be true (7)
- It gives lift when a flier comes to an obstacle (7)
- Strongly disapproves of what a model does after work (7)
- Content of a book (6)
- Language of a quarter of Parisians (5)
- Needs to be close (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Toward, 8 Partings, 9 Again, 10 Glass eye, 11 Knots, 12 Add, 16 Osiers, 17 Around, 18 Hub, 23 Scowl, 24 Spectres, 25 Abeam, 26 Endanger, 27 Angle.

Down: 2 Organist, 3 Epistles, 4 Ballad, 5 Stash, 6 Sneeze, 7 A skew, 12 Ash, 13 Dab, 14 Log cabin, 15 Snowball, 19 Uneven, 20 Usher, 21 Ready, 22 Stink.

POLITICS AFTER ALL: CONG WANTS BSY GOVT TO STAY

Will work to advantage of Cong in next poll; Siddu, DKS uncertain about power equation

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

WHILE Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's own party MLAs seem to be cooking up a rebellion against him, his government seems to be receiving wishes for long life from an unlikely entity – the Congress. Despite their differences, the Congress leaders seem to be united in their stance that the longer Yediyurappa stays in power, the better for them in the next assembly election.

The Congress leaders – whether those in KPCC president D K Shivakumar camp or those in CLP chief Siddaramaiah's camp – opine that it's best not to disrupt the Yediyurappa government.

"Shivakumar has just taken charge as KPCC chief and needs at least two years to cement himself among workers and leaders. If elections are held shortly, they may not be favourable to him," said a Congress party office-bearer from Shivakumar's camp.

Shivakumar's ardent supporters in the party believe that any disruption in government now may stall his plans of emerging as the Chief Minister candidate. In the Siddaramaiah camp, the mood is that of wait and watch. "Many

disgruntled BJP MLAs have approached me to speak about their woes. There is indeed dissidence in the BJP and this will continue. If the government falls on its own, then we are not responsible," Siddaramaiah said on Wednesday.

Sources from his inner circle, however, said that the bigger reason dissuading Siddaramaiah from taking advantage of the rebellion is his lack of trust in those BJP MLAs said to be approaching him. Moreover, with uncertainty looming over how much power Shivakumar would wield among workers and leaders, Siddaramaiah is said to be weighing in the support he will get from cadres.

Even as Congress insiders insist that they don't see benefits in disrupting the Yediyurappa government, BJP leaders are wary of frequent meetings between its dissenting MLAs and leaders of the Congress. "The government is running smoothly whether it is Covid-19 management, migrant management or economic activities," said Lehar Singh Siroya, BJP MLC.

"It would be better for Siddaramaiah if he paid attention to his party MLAs rather than entertain BJP legislators," he said.

New names in BJP's RS list: Kamath, Sankeshwar

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

WITH the last day to file nominations for four Rajya Sabha seats from Karnataka barely a week away, the BJP is facing a problem of plenty. Even as the State Core Committee is yet to meet and shortlist names of probable candidates to be sent to the party high command, more names are joining the fray every day.

With the compulsion of at

least one Lingayat candidate from North Karnataka, senior party leader and media honcho Vijay Sankeshwar has thrown his hat in the ring. Two leaders from Belagavi – Prabhakar Kore and Ramesh Katti – are already vying for the seat that will fall vacant following the end of Kore's tenure.

Another big name that has caught the attention of the BJP high command is former ICICI Bank Chairman Kun-

dapur Vaman Kamath. At a time when the Union government needs economists and financial experts to help bring



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Senior BJP leader

the growth trajectory back on track, Kamath is being looked at as an asset. The Mangaluru-based banker was handpicked by the Narendra Modi government in 2016 to be the first chief of BRICS New Development Bank. He is also said to be a favourite of the Sangh.

"In principle, when there are two vacant seats, the State unit is given one seat to pick a candidate, while the Central leadership unilaterally decides a

candidate for the second seat. But this time, since the party has enough seats in non-southern States to elect RS members from, the State might have a say in candidates for both seats," said a senior BJP leader. While the list of probable candidates is extending by the day, the first official discussion on candidate selection is yet to begin between Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and BJP State Chief Nalin Kumar Kateel.



HOMeward BOUND

Passengers wait for a train at KSR Railway Station on Wednesday. Some travellers who arrived on the Udayan Express earlier in the day, had minor squabbles with officials. They demanded that they be exempted from quarantine after they noticed some passengers were allowed to leave the station without health checks. They quietened down when officials explained that rules for intra-state passengers and those arriving from Maharashtra were different | PANDARINATH B

Ravi Pujari's aide held in Mangaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE team probing the cases against gangster Ravi Pujari has arrested his close associate from Mangaluru. Ghulam

from Mangaluru is the arrested person. Police said the investigations into the cases in which Pujari was involved had revealed that the latter was taking Ghulam's help in extortions. "Ghulam was produced

before a court in Bengaluru and is taken into a 10-day police custody. He had played a key role in extorting money from industrialists, who received extortion calls from Pujari," the police said.

CM directs PWD to recruit engg graduates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

UNEMPLOYED engineering graduates in the state may soon get appointed as trainees at the Public Works Department. As the process of recruiting engineers in the department is delayed, CM BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday issued this direction to PWD officials.

A senior PWD officer said the CM

suggested this during a review meeting. They will now have to prepare a detailed proposal for its implementation. "It is a good suggestion as it gives engineering graduates an opportunity to gain an experience of working with the department. The job is paid but they will not be recruited in the department," the officer added.

Meanwhile, the CM also directed the officials to identify state govern-

ment offices in Bengaluru within a month and take necessary measures to shift them to Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi. He also instructed officials to complete construction of Shivamogga airport within one year.

The department has taken a decision to upgrade 1,650 km village roads in districts and also upgrade 10,110 km district roads into state highways.

CRIME FILE

13-year-old girl ends life

Upset after her parents asked her to study, a 13-year-old girl hanged herself at her house in Nelamangala on Tuesday. Suma (name changed) was a Class 7 student at a private school. Her parents found her hanging in a room in their house on Tuesday evening. They rushed her to a hospital but she was declared brought dead. Dabaspeth police, who have registered a case of unnatural death, said preliminary investigation suggested that Suma was upset because her parents kept telling her to study. On Tuesday too, they told her to focus on her studies, which could have led to her death. ENS

History-sheeter shot at, nabbed

Amrutahalli police on Wednesday shot at and arrested a notorious history-sheeter, wanted for an attempted murder. The accused, Munikrishna, allegedly attacked his friend Yashwant and two others after they refused to give him liquor in Hoysala Layout on May 4, police said. Police received information about Munikrishna's location and reached the spot at 5 am on Wednesday. "A police team surrounded him but he attacked head constable Dinesh with a dagger, injuring him. He tried to attack Inspector Arun Kumar in spite of a warning shot. The inspector shot him in the leg," police said. ENS

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Name of the Work: Works contract for Upgradation of Smoothing Reactor type SL-30 of Electric Locomotives available at Electric Loco Shed, Southern Railway, Salem Division, Erode.

Tender Value	₹ 88,38,011/-
Earnest Money Deposit	₹ 1,76,800/-
Cost of tender document	₹ 5,600/-
Completion Period	18 Months
Tender closing date & time	30.06.2020 at 11.00 Hrs.

For further details interested persons may kindly log on to <https://www.treps.gov.in>. Railway reserves the right to issue any corrigendum to the tender till ten days prior to the opening of the tender. Tenderers are advised to check the web site before submitting their offer whether any such corrigendum to the tender has been issued or not.

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Rolling Stock, Electric Loco Shed, Erode

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALURU P & S C No. 118 / 2020 (CCH-23)

PETITIONERS: SRI. PARVESH KUMAR, Aged about 60 years, S/o Late Sri. Banarasilal, R/o No. 64, 13th Cross, 6th Main, J P Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560078.

SRI. B. MADHU SUDHAN, Aged about 58 years, S/o Late Sri. Banarasilal, R/o No. 64, Sri. Krishna Bhavan, 13th Cross, 3rd Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560078.

SRI. B. SURESH KUMAR, Aged about 56 years, S/o Late Sri. Banarasilal, R/o No. 698, 10th Cross, 7th Main, BTM, 2nd Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560076.

V/S

RESPONDENTS: NIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named have made petition to this court under section 372 and Part IX of Indian Succession Act, 1925 for the grant of Succession Certificate in the favour of the Petitioners in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule was held by Late Sri. Banarasilal, father of the Petitioners herein who expired on 22.10.2019.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by the pleader duly instructed on **18.06.2020 at 11 a.m.** Inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

ITEM 1: Savings Bank Account bearing S.B. A/c No. 520101001245852, in Sarakki Layout Branch, Corporation Bank, Bengaluru belonging to the deceased, having a balance of Rs. 71,85,640.03/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty and Three Paise Only)

ITEM 2: Locker bearing No. 39/1 with Key bearing No. 31, attached to Savings Bank Account bearing S.B. A/c No. 520101001245852, in Sarakki Layout Branch, Corporation Bank, Bengaluru, belonging to the deceased and the contents therein.

ITEM 3: Fixed Deposit bearing No. 530101345751179, in Sarakki Layout Branch, Corporation Bank, Bengaluru belonging to the deceased, having a balance of Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only).

ITEM 4: Fixed Deposit bearing No. 530401000720820, in Sarakki Layout Branch, Corporation Bank, Bengaluru belonging to the deceased, having a balance of Rs. 86,38,216/- (Rupees Eighty Six Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen Only).

ITEM 5: Fixed Deposit bearing No. 530401030348377, in Sarakki Layout Branch, Corporation Bank, Bengaluru belonging to the deceased, having a balance of Rs. 82,33,280/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Only).

Advocates for Petitioner: By Order of Court, Assistant Registrar
hyengar & Pai Advocates, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
No. 253, 1st Floor, 6th Main, 36th Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560011.



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Dated 29.05.2020

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders in two parts (two bid system) for the supply and installation/commissioning of following items of reputed brands/makes are invited by the Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun

Sl No.	Description of material(s)	Quantity	Tender fee	EMD Amt
1.	Radon Monitoring System	02 Nos.	900+162.00	Rs. 84,000.00

Relevant detailed tender document is available on our Website. **"www.whg.res.in"** and the interested tenderers can download the tender document from our Web-site

Non-refundable cost of tender fee amounting to **Rs. Tender fee + GST @ 18%** as mentioned above must be sent to us in the shape of an account payee Demand Draft in favour of the Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun with the technical bid, failing which the tender will not be considered.

The sealed tenders as per the terms and conditions of the tender document available on our Website **MUST** reach us by **13.00 hrs. on 29.06.2020.**

Amendment(s) in the tender document required if any, will be made available in our website and accordingly, the prospective bidders are required to keep themselves updated till four days of tender opening.

The Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehra Dun reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning reasons thereof.

STORE & PURCHASE OFFICER for DIRECTOR

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Doctors, nurses and other staffers at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology donated one day's salary — amounting to Rs 19,39,983 — to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to fight the Covid pandemic.

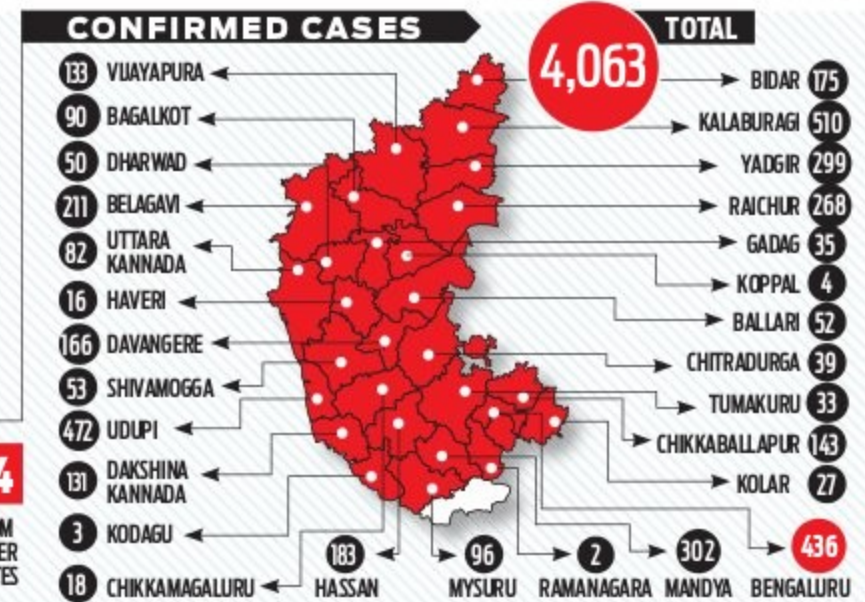
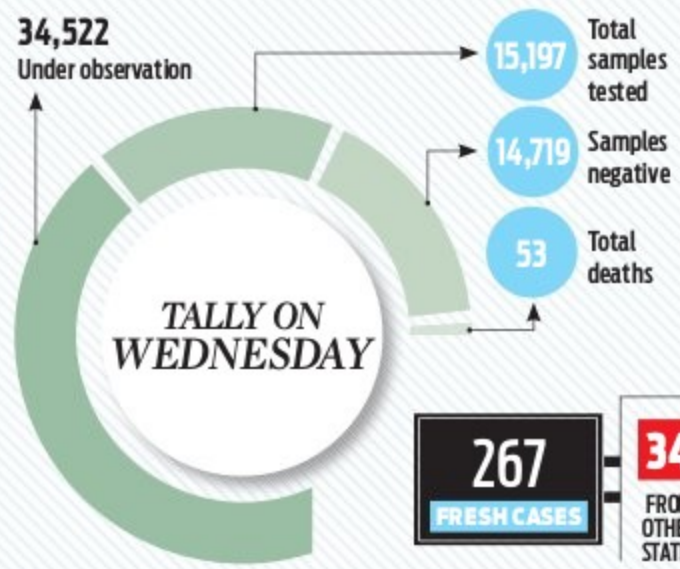
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Arogya Sahayani will function too



Dodgy data behind dissing HCQ?

A supposedly path breaking study on the harmful effects of administering anti-viral hydroxychloroquine, published by respected medical journal *The Lancet* on May 22, was possibly based on suspect data. A look

The *Lancet* study was based on data from Surgisphere, an Illinois-based company, on 96,032 PATIENTS in 671 hospitals across six continents. Of them, 10,698 had died in hospital by April 21

But *The Guardian* found Surgisphere's employees had little or no data or scientific background. One of its six employees appears to be a science fiction author and another is an adult model. How did it process the huge volume of raw data?

Last week, over 140 scientists wrote an open letter challenging the validity of the study, sought full access to raw data

Based on its alarming claims, the World Health Organization had suspended its global solidarity test for HCQ's randomised clinical trials

The Indian Council for Medical Research, however, stood by HCQ, saying it may be working in preventing Covid-19 when used as a prophylaxis for healthcare workers and close contacts of positive patients

The *Lancet* has now opened its probe into the report and issued an 'Expression of Concern' over its quality

MEANWHILE, INDIA CROSSED 2 LAKH POSITIVE CASES ON WEDNESDAY. ITS LATEST COUNT IS 2,07,615 THE COUNTRY ADDED 1 LAKH CASES IN 15 DAYS

State ready even for ₹10L cases: Sudhakar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Udupi

EXUDING confidence, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Wednesday said the health department can handle the situation even if Covid-19 cases reach 10 lakh. But he said it may not reach that figure.

He was in Udupi to take stock of the situation as the district has topped the list in the state with 472 cases. Speaking to reporters, the minister said the task force committees will ensure that cases don't escalate. Using all the benefits of technology, the cases 19 will be brought under control, he said. He added that the spread of the virus will be tackled at the local level.

He also threw light on a plan that may help contain local transmission. Instead of the present system of declaring an entire area as containment zone, he said he would discuss with officials the possibility of sealing down only an individual house where a patient resides. Arrangements may be done to supply essentials at doorsteps of such houses. He said this suggestion was given by MLAs Halady Srinivas Shetty and Raghupathi Bhat.



Padarayanapura has contributed to 12% of Bengaluru's cases | EXPRESS

Belagavi resident partied too early, positive shock came later

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

AFTER throwing a party to his friends to celebrate completing his quarantine period on his return from Mumbai, a 35-year-old resident of Belagavi district has shockingly tested positive for Covid-19. He has been taken away to a Covid-designated hospital in Belagavi, while all his

friends and contacts are being traced to be placed under quarantine.

Assuming that he was free of Covid19 after his release from the quarantine facility at Bidarewadi, Hukkeri taluk, the resident gathered all his friends and celebrated his release at home.

Sources said that he was quarantined for just seven days after

the government cut the quarantine period from 14 days to seven recently. He was released before his Covid test results arrived, but at the time of his discharge he was asymptomatic.

A large number of people are being released from quarantine centres even before their Covid19 test results are announced. A person is allowed

to go home if he completes the quarantine period and is asymptomatic.

At least 13-14 of his friends, who attended the party, are being traced by the Yamakanmaradi police and herded into the quarantine facility.

Additional Superintendent of Police Amarnath Reddy rushed to the village soon after

it came to light that the positive patient had mingled with many in the village and had partied with his friends. The officer has directed his officials to trace all the people who came in contact with him in the village.

Those who supplied food and liquor for the party hosted by him too are worried as they are likely to be quarantined.



We have taken into consideration the rates fixed by other states and what insurance companies have paid to arrive at the rates proposed to the government. We have quoted lower than treatment cost

A private hospital source

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

PRIVATE hospital associations have proposed to the government a Covid-19 treatment cost of around Rs 10,000 per day for general ward and Rs 20,000 for special ward with ICU and ventilator facilities, sources revealed.

The state government is in talks with private hospitals to evolve a pricing plan for treating Covid patients, should the situation come to a stage where private hospitals have to share the burden of patient load. Maharashtra and Gujarat have already negotiated the rates for various slabs of treatment with private hospitals. In Gujarat, depending on the bed charges, the cost varies be-

tween Rs 10,000 and Rs 23,000. In Maharashtra, a routine ward and isolation costs Rs 4,000 per day, while services with ICU and without a ventilator costs Rs 7,500 and with a ventilator, Rs 9,000.

Now, government hospitals are treating most of the corona patients and the cost comes to around Rs 3.5 lakh per patient. This includes N95 masks, PPE kits, triple-layer masks, sanitisers, medicines, equipment purchased for Covid, building works, conversion to Covid wards, salaries of staff, investigation charges, meals for staff and patients, logistics and transport.

"There are three types of patients. One, asymptomatic, who have to be isolated in general wards as they can still be a



The government and private hospitals are in talks to fix treatment rates | EXPRESS

harm to society until tested negative. The second, with mild symptoms like fever and cold who can receive sympto-

matic treatment at any isolation ward of a nursing home. The third category is 10 per cent of the people who need high-intensity monitoring with or without a ventilator and need high-end care in the ICU," another source said.

"We have taken into consideration the rates fixed by other states and what insurance companies have paid so far to arrive at the rates proposed to the government. We have in fact quoted lower than the treatment cost and the figure includes the cost of PPEs. If a patient has co-morbidities, such as cancer, kidney issues requiring dialysis, liver problems, etc, the cost will increase," the source added.

The treatment cost could go up to Rs 30,000 per day if a pa-

tient is on a ventilator. A decision is likely to be announced by the government in a day or two, another source revealed.

"The average cost per day at a government hospital comes to Rs 30,000 per corona patient. It goes up if high-end antibiotics are used for ICU patients. Whether the government will provide us PPE kits and at what cost needs to be decided as well," said Dr Naresh Shetty, president, MS Ramaiah Memorial Hospital.

Dr R Ravindra, president, Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association, said, "We need to invest in high-flow oxygen and negative-pressure operation theatres. This is so that you do not want the contaminated air inside the operation theatre spreading outside."

Health workers call of strike after CM agrees to consider demands

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa late on Wednesday evening yielded to the demands of contract employees in the state health department and requested them to call off their strike which was scheduled for Thursday.

Vishwaradhya H Y, president, Karnataka State Health and Medical Education Department Contractual and Outsourced Employees' Association, said, "We wanted our demands to be met and an order from the chief minister. Now that we have got it in writing, we are calling off the strike."

The association had demanded regularisation of jobs, transfer option, bonus, accident insurance, griev-

ance committee, holidays and other facilities for staff nurses, Ayush doctors, ambulance drivers, data entry operators, lab technicians, counsellors, supervisors and senior tuberculosis supervisors, who are working without job security, unequal



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wages as compared to permanent health staff.

"We have received 50 per cent of the salary for April and none for May. We had a meeting on May 20 with Health Minister B Srimanlu and Additional Chief Secretary of Health and Medical Education Jawaid Akhtar, where they promised to form a committee to look into our demands and issue a government order."

He added, "However till now, they had not done it despite health being a state subject."

Health Commissioner Pan-kaj Kumar Pandey had earlier said, "Meetings were held a week ago with the minister and the association. Most of their demands have been met by the National Health Mission."

COVID WATCH

Be our eyes, ears: Govt to biz establishments

Bengaluru: The state government has requested people, especially commercial establishments, to be its eyes and ears. In a circular, signed by

Chief Secretary TM Vijay Bhaskar, the government late on Wednesday evening said, "All shops, hotels, factories, malls, religious places, etc are required to check for the quarantine stamp on their customers or visitors before they enter the premises. Those with stamps should not be allowed to enter before the quarantine period is over or the report is negative. They should inform the police." ENS



SP Road in Bengaluru was sealed on Wednesday morning after a woman tested positive for Covid-19 in the area | PANDARINATH B

Bengaluru's electronics hub SP Road sealed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

SADAR Patrappa Road (SP Road), a go-to electronics and mechanics hub in Bengaluru, has been sealed after a 31-year-old woman, who had returned from Rajasthan, tested positive for Covid-19. She was in institutional quarantine at Ibis Hotel, but was allowed to go out even before test results came.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and health department officials listed the area as a containment zone on Tuesday night, after which police officials set up barricades early on Wednesday morning.

Sources told *The New Indian Express*, "This is a case of sheer laxity by the health department, BBMP and hotel staff. The patient was asked to leave the hotel even before her reports came back. After she was sent back home, her swab test results returned positive. Now, the entire area has been sealed, all commercial establishments have

been shut again."

BBMP and health department officials expressed concern over the government revising quarantine guidelines, as many people were allowed to go home without even being tested or getting their results.

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar said the patient had completed her seven-day institutional quarantine, and that Rajasthan is on the list of states exempted from mandatory testing and quarantine.

He added that despite her staying in an independent house, the narrow lanes of SP Road are densely populated, and the entire road has to be sealed till June 27.

While the road has been sealed completely, only a part of the market has been kept open. This road is essential for several Bengalureans, as apart from electronics, it's also a hub for car repair works and parts.

To curb the surge in cases, BBMP and health department officials have decided to start health surveys.

SLOW RELIEF

Cab, rickshaw drivers apply for state govt's aid

ENS @Bengaluru

NEARLY two lakh autorickshaw and cab drivers in the state have applied for the Rs 5,000 relief announced by the state government under the economic package to help those hit by the Covid-19 lockdown.

According to transport department officials, 1,98,929 cab and autorickshaw drivers have applied for the relief amount. The process of depositing the money in their bank accounts has already started. It was part of Rs 1,610 crore relief package announced by the state government on May 6. Initially, auto and cab drivers were finding it difficult to fill the online applications. The integration of data between the Seva Sindhu portal, the transport department and the finance department to ensure that the relief amount gets transferred too had taken time.

On Wednesday, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa directed the officials concerned to ensure that there is no delay in disbursement of the relief amount. He also directed transport department officers to coordinate with transport corporations in other states to re-start interstate operations to different states, except Maharashtra. "People are still apprehensive about travelling by state transport corporation buses, there is a need to instill confidence in them and also ensure that the buses are sanitized properly," he said.

KERALA HORROR: JUMBO CONCERN OVER CRUEL METHODS OF KILLING

Inhuman practice of placing meat bombs, made using gun powder, prevalent in K'taka too



The local forest division must improve on information gathering, so that such incidents can be minimised. We are at conflict with wildlife, but we have to find a way to co-exist
A wildlife expert

The elephant in Kerala died after consuming the bomb | EXPRESS

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

THE picture of an elephant which died after biting a meat bomb broke the internet on Wednesday, causing a national uproar.

Considered to be a traditional hunting practice, this is now being considered one of the most cruel methods to kill wild animals — wild boars in particular.

The inhuman practice is still relevant in many villages and areas around forests and national parks in Karnataka. These meat bombs are mainly placed to hunt and kill wild boars, and in the process these bombs claim lives of other wild animals and even livestock.

Meat bombs are prepared by using locally available gun powder and gelatin sticks which are used to make firecrackers. They are wrapped in animal parts like intestines to attract the wild boars

with its strong smell. Wild animals, like leopards and jackal, try to feast on these meat balls and meet a tragic end. When the animals chew the balls filled with explosive, it blasts in the mouth causing a painful death to the animals.

In the case of the Kerala incident, a pineapple was kept as bait and the fruit was used because of its strong smell.

Wildlife activists are seeking to clamp down on those who use meat bombs to hunt down boars are other animals. As wild meat is consumed by many, the villagers do not reveal the identity of people preparing the meat bomb.

Wildlife experts say that there is a larger issue of mismanagement in the Western Ghats, with permission being granted to allow mining and other such activities.

"The local forest division must improve on information

gathering, so that such incidents can be minimised. We are at conflict with wildlife, but we have to find a way to co-exist, as animals too have a right to live," said a wildlife expert.

Artists, cartoonists unite

Artists and cartoonists across India vented their anger by sketching insightful cartoons on the incident. Several social media users also demanded that action be taken on those who are responsible for the elephant's death.

Society announces prize

Humane Society International, India has announced a cash prize of Rs 50,000 for anyone who gives leads in the elephant death incident reported in Kerala. The members said that while they are aware about the current conflict situation, killing an animal in such a way cannot be ignored.

Have initiated probe, will nab perpetrators: Official

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U ASHIQUE ALI, the Man-narkkad forest range officer leading the combing operations, said, "This particular area does not have a precedent story of putting firecrackers inside pineapples or fruits. It was either put inside a pineapple or the firecracker must have been made in the shape of a pineapple. We are yet to confirm the modus operandi."

On Wednesday, Principal

Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden Surendra Kumar submitted a report to the state government. Asha Thomas said the possession of any explosives is a crime. "Even if the firecrackers were used to kill a wild boar, it is still a crime. We have initiated an investigation and are confident of nabbing the perpetrators," she said.

Several NGOs, like People for Animals, Earth Brigade Foundation and Humane Soci-

ety International/India, have expressed their anguish. Kamal Ganatra, an animal lover, has started an online signature campaign demanding justice for the pregnant elephant. The petition on Change.org — Justice for our voiceless soul — saw more than 2.33 lakh signatories, with the target being three lakh. The petition has tagged the Union ministries for law and justice, environment and forest, and the Kerala High Court.

Meanwhile, Humane Society International/India has offered Rs 50,000 to informers for help with the identification of the accused, leading to conviction.

Sumanth Bindumadhav, campaign manager for wildlife at Humane Society International, India, said that incidents like these emphasise the need to improve the existing system of ex-gratia payment by the government and the need for crop insurance schemes.

EXPRESS READ

TN breaches 1,000 mark for 4th consecutive day

Chennai: The number of fresh cases in Tamil Nadu crossed the 1,000-mark with 1,286 testing positive on Wednesday, taking the tally to 25,872. A total of 11 patients, in the 47-80 age group, died taking the toll to 208. The fresh cases include 42 people who came to Tamil Nadu from other States and countries and tested positive. Chennai took a large bite out of the cases reported with 1,012 testing positive. The city tally now stands at 17,598. Chennai also accounted for eight out of the 11 deaths reported on the day, taking the toll to 158. **ENS**

Stray dogs maul 5-year-old boy to death in Kumool

Kurnool: In a shocking incident, a five-year-old boy died after being attacked by stray dogs in Allagadda town of Kurnool district early on Wednesday. The boy, identified as T Narasimha, was living with his mother Indiramma, a daily wage labourer. His father T Maddilety is an accused in a road accident case and was lodged in a jail in Prakasam district. The boy was reported to be mentally disturbed. The incident happened when Indiramma asked her neighbours to look after the boy as she was going to meet her jailed husband. **ENS**

162 ship staff stuck in Essex, want to return

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

CLOSE on the heels of Indian staffers of a ship stuck in a port in Italy, 162 Indians stranded for nearly three months inside a ship in Essex, UK, are pleading to return home.

Hailing from Goa, Kerala, New Delhi and Mumbai, they have been inside 'MV Astoria' at Tilbury port since March 9. The ship docked there after it began its journey from Mexico on February 11. With UK faring badly in managing the Covid crisis, they are keen to leave its shores at the earliest.

David Pereira, a security guard from Varca town in Goa, told *The New Indian Express* over phone, "On board, we are employed as receptionists, cooks, security and bartending staff. We have not been allowed to step off the

ship. Our families are extremely distressed."

There is no clue when they would be repatriated home. "The ship owner (Cruise and Maritime Voyages) is trying to help us out. There is no information and we require help. We are also worried about being in UK," he said.

Clifford, a Goan who works on the front desk, said, "We were told there were some problems from the Indian government side. It's been months since I met my family in Marmagao," he said. There is no problem regarding food or anything else, but we just want to go home, he added.

Glenn Ebnett, social activist in Mumbai who is trying to help them, said, "There are 105 Goans, 33 Keralites, 20 from Mumbai and 4 from Delhi. They are being checked on a daily basis."

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed printers for printing & supply of KSFC Annual Report 2019-20. The terms and conditions, EMD and other details are available for download at KSFC Website www.ksfc.in. The Bids along with EMD should be submitted on or before 15.06.2020 before 4.00 PM to the Manager (Administration) at the address given above.

Sd/- Deputy General Manager (P & A)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
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Bid Identification No. CE-WBP (O)- 03/2020-21

- The Chief Engineer (World Bank Projects), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road & Bridge works as mentioned below :
- Nature of work : Road works
- No. of work : 11 Nos.
- Tender cost : Rs.10,000.00 (on-line)
- Class of Contractor : Super / Special Class Contractor
- Available of bid document in the website : From 10.00 A.M. of 08.06.2020 to 5.00 PM of 29.06.2020
- Date of opening of Bid : Dt.30.06.2020 at 11.30 AM
- The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Chief Engineer
World Bank Project, Odisha
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CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HOSAPETE
No: CMC HPT/HEA/MUNICIPAL FUND/2020-21 Dated:02-06-2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT) E-PROCUREMENT
2019-20 MUNICIPAL FOUND TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE WORK MENTIONED BELOW AS PER KTPP ACT 2000 IN TWO COVER SYSTEM ARE INVITED FROM THE CLASS-I CONTRACTORS/FIRMS REGISTERED IN KPWD AS MENTIONED BELOW. IN E-PROCUREMENT THE CONTRACTORS / FIRMS WILL HAVE TO UPLOAD ALL INFORMATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND RATES ETC., www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in 1) TENDER RECEIVING LAST DATE ON:16-06-2020 5.00 PM. 2) OPENING FOR TECHNICAL BID WILL BE ON DATE:18-06-2020 5.10 PM. 3) OPENING FOR FINANCIAL BID ON DATE:20-06-2020 5.10 PM. @ CMC HOSAPETE. S.L NO 1) NAME OF THE WORK & INDENT NO: PROVIDING THE SERVICES OF 32 DRIVERS AND 3 DRIVER CUM OPERATORS & 33 HELPERS ON OUT SOURCE BASIS FOR EXISTING SWM VEHICLES OF CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HOSAPETE & CMC/SWM/SBMDPR/LABOUR/CR/01/2020-21/Call-02 ESTIMATED COST RS IN (LAKH) 140.00 EMD (90DAYS VALIDITY RS IN (LAKH) 210000.00 ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CMC HOSAPETE DURING THE WORKING HOURS

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VELLORE CORPORATION
CORPORATION OFFICE, VELLORE
OPEN TENDER NOTICE
Roc.No. 6209/2015/S1/SD Date : 02.06.2020
The Commissioner, Vellore Corporation invites tenders in two cover system for the following works as per the conditions laid down in the tender notice published in website <https://tntenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Amount Rs. in Lakhs	EMD Rs.	Period of the work Completion
1	Improvement of Storm Water Channels including Channels widening and Side Protection wall, RCC Lining work from Cantonment Railway Station to Mangamundi in the ABD area of Vellore City Municipal Corporation.	850.00	8,50,000/-	09 Months
2	Improvement of Storm Water Channels including Channels widening and Side Protection wall, RCC Lining work from BSNL office to Mangamundi in the ABD area of Vellore City Municipal Corporation	350.00	3,50,000/-	06 Months
3	Improvement of Storm Water Channels including Channels widening and Side Protection wall, RCC Lining work from Zone-II office to Mandhavelli Burial Ground and Kagithapattarai to Kanaru Drain in the ABD area of Vellore City Municipal Corporation	1200.00	12,00,000/-	12 Months

2 Pre-Bid Conference Sl.No:1 to 3 - 15.06.2020 at 11.00am
3 Date of Tender 08.07.2020, Wednesday 3.00 pm
4 Date, Time and Venue of opening 08.07.2020 Wednesday 3.30 pm at Vellore Corporation Office
5 Tender document availability and other details Other Details can be obtained from the tender notice published in website <https://tntenders.gov.in> or from Vellore Corporation Office, Engineering section during working hours on all working days.

For Contact : 0416 - 2220578 DIPR/2051/Tender/2020 Commissioner, Vellore Corporation

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No. KMSCL/HR/43/2018 Dated : 03.06.2020
IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT

Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited (KMSCL), a fully owned Government of Kerala Company, set up in 2008, as a procurement agency for Essential Drugs and Equipment for all Govt. Hospitals/Health Care Institutions of the State, including Medical College Hospitals, need the following personnel on Contract basis.

Sl. No.	Discipline and No of Post	Qualification & Experience	Remuneration	Age
1.	DEPUTY MANAGER (Essential Drugs, Karunya Purchase & Sales Divisions) Vacancy: 3 No.	M.Pharm. Experience (Mandatory) Candidates should have minimum Three years post qualification experience. Out of which minimum One year experience in the Pharma business field, Procurement and Logistics.	Consolidated Pay of Rs. 30,000/-per month	Candidate should have born on 01.01.1980 or later
2.	ASSISTANT MANAGER (HR) Vacancy: 1 No.	MBA (HR) Regular Experience (Mandatory) 5 years post qualification experience (of which 2 years experience in PSU/Govt./Quasi Govt. Institutions with minimum HR of 100 numbers is preferred)	Consolidated Pay of Rs.20,000/-per month.	Candidate should have born on 01.01.1984 or later

Computer proficiency is essential. Interested candidates may send their application in the format available in the website (www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in) along with scanned copies of relevant documents, through email: careers@kmscl.kerala.gov.in or downloaded application form duly filled in the copies of relevant documents may be sent physically through speed post / courier, so as to reach in Head Office, on or before 17.06.2020.

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IFT No: BWSSB/EE(SE)-1/PB/419/2020-21 Date: 01.06.2020		
1	Providing and laying of 300mm dia RCC NP3 class pipe line with construction of new manholes at Shanti nagara road to avoid sewerage flow in to Storm water drain coming under Johnson Market service station of AEE(SE-1) sub division (3rd call)	Rs. 5,42,531/- Rs.13,600/-
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MOODY'S DOWNGRADE MAY IMPACT INDIA'S FUND-RAISING

There is some cause for alarm after one of the three big credit rating agencies, Moody's Investors Service, downgraded India to the lowest investment grade 'Baa3' from the earlier 'Baa2', and said the outlook for the country continued to be 'negative'. The slide continues as Moody's had lowered the outlook on India's 'Baa2' rating to 'negative' from the earlier 'stable' category in November last year. This downgrade is significant as it is the only agency that was earlier upbeat on India, upgrading her in November 2017 to 'stable', based on the government's commitment to undertake structural reforms. The other two, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Rating, had stood their ground back then and maintained a 'negative' outlook.

The reasons Moody's has now given for the downgrade include the low economic growth over a sustained period; the significant deterioration in the fiscal position of the Central and state governments; and the rising stress in India's financial sector. Underlying these reasons is Moody's belief that India's implementation of structural reforms has been weak since 2017. Moody's has also clarified that though the downgrade is "in the context of the coronavirus pandemic, it was not driven by it". There is some truth in this, as much before Covid-19 made its presence felt in India, the country's GDP growth rate had already hit a 11-year low of 4.2% for FY2020.

There are serious implications to the downgrade. Moody's creditworthiness ranking evaluates the risk the borrower poses to an investor and the measure of loss in the event of a default. Thus, it has just got more difficult for the Indian government to raise funds by issuing bonds as these now will carry more risk of default. This will also impact Indian companies raising funds from offshore investors. In a more immediate sense, the Moody's rating will be a damper on our bid to attract companies exiting China. Long-term, the government will have to worry as what Moody's is saying is that slower growth over a prolonged period will dampen the pace of improving the living standards of people.

ATHLETES NEED TO RECOVER MENTALLY TOO

When India went into a nationwide lockdown in the last week of March, the country's elite athletes were left in a limbo. Most of them were inside academies, but they weren't allowed to even use gym facilities, and contact with the outside world was prohibited. With India exiting the lockdown in a phased manner starting this week, athletes have started getting back to training mode in the complexes of the Sports Authority of India, especially in the National Institute of Sports, Patiala and the Bengaluru centre. Action is not limited to these centres. News of sporadic instances of training has started coming in from various places in India. The sight of sportspersons ambling across the ground, stretching here and running there, arouses that euphoric feeling of freedom.

But this is when they have to take it slow and steady. There is no point in hitting the ground running just because some of them have become frustrated in the absence of training. The first order of business is to get their fitness, both physical and mental, up to an optimal level. This is something that will take a while and all athletes will have to go through the process of taking it one day at a time. With no competitions on the horizon, the federations and athletes can afford to do so. Building up fitness after being confined to their rooms for more than two months is a marathon and not a sprint. If the athletes start high-intensity training too soon, they risk suffering long term injuries, something they will want to avoid, especially with the Olympics next year. Not just physically, the athletes have to be mentally ready to intensify training. Coaches too are aware of this. Spending too much time indoors doing nothing takes a toll on your mind as well. There are signs of frustration and mental exhaustion. So mental fragility must also be considered.

The officials will also have to look into the feasibility of sending these athletes home. Most of them, suffering from a lack of motivation, wanted to go back, but the federations retained them inside the hostels. Once everything is open and quarantine rules are removed, there is no harm in allowing them to see their families. It's been a testing time for everyone and athletes are no different from others.

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They (China) would like us to fall in line with their strategy or policy of dominating Asia and, ultimately, the world, as I see it

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After Doklam, China seems to want to 'expose' once again how India's Quad allies are concerned only about the shared waters of the Indo-Pacific

UNDERSTANDING CHINA'S MESSAGE TO OUR COUNTRY

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After facing weeks of global attack as the originator of the Covid-19 pandemic, China is now hitting the headlines with its recent adventurism along the borders. It may be the country's way of ascertaining India's military preparedness and check if New Delhi was ready to make good the claims of some ruling party politicians that India would take back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), and also to remind us that it could then be a three-nation, two-sector/theatre war.

There is the common 'Kashmir sector', where Chinese and Pakistani territorial interests cojoin in the form of Aksai Chin. It is a part of PoK that Islamabad handed over to Beijing, long ago. The CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) as a part of Beijing's BRI passes through PoK. The truth of it does not matter, but if India were to take back all of PoK, it would have to take on China, too, over Aksai Chin.

Showing India its 'place': For this reason, China seems convinced that India cannot have border negotiations with either of its historic adversaries without providing a chair for the other to join in on a later date. China is even more perturbed about

the possibility of India's position on a future Dalai Lama, whom Beijing wants to appoint and control.

Beijing is not convinced about India's decades-old voluntary acceptance of Tibet as an integral part of China. It does not even seem to have considered the incumbent's delineation of temporal and political powers after his time, that too in the context of New Delhi's contextualised reiterations that India has offered political asylum only to the present, 14th Dalai Lama.

China seems to want a comprehensive negotiated settlement on all disputes with India, including Aksai Chin, Arunachal Pradesh and more so the future Dalai Lama. In doing so, China also wants to keep Pakistan holding its hands—and is seen as doing so. Border disputes are bilateral in the two cases, and not trilateral as China deems. Likewise, India may be an interested party on the Dalai Lama question, but it cannot be a negotiating party. Either China takes India at its past behaviour or confuses itself on the future possibilities.

'Exposing' allies: It is anybody's guess how Beijing feels about playing facilitator between India and

Pakistan, when it has now declined another of US President Donald Trump's brainwaves, of playing negotiator between India and China. India's response to Trump is not as vehement as it was when the US president claimed to have offered his services to play negotiator between India and Pakistan. India has made the point when it denied Trump's claims of speaking to Modi on China now.

Three years after Doklam in 2017, China also seems to want to 'expose' once again how India's Quad allies are concerned only about the shared waters of the Indo-Pacific and not its land borders where alone China stands a chance, if at all. Post-pandemic, neither economies can afford war. But if China

thought that the 21st century India and Indians would flinch, Balakot was an appetiser.

Yet, on Doklam, Japan was the only Quad member-nation to side with India, but after a studied silence. Now, on the Sikkim/Ladakh row, the US is the only Western ally to identify with India. But mid-level US State Department official Alice Wells's criticism of China lacked the Trump-era punch, that too when the US is otherwise engaged in a multi-pronged diplomatic and political war with China. Wells's reference to China's other predatory (maritime border) rows took even the limited punch away.

Trump has since followed up on his official's criticism of China with his offer of mediation. By definition, an intended mediator should present himself as non-partisan. It means that as with Pakistan earlier, the strategic interests of the US viz India are limited to military supplies. For the US, it also means outsourcing American geo-strategic concerns in the Indo-Pacific to the other three Quad members. During the Cold War, the US-NATO alliance protected Western Europe by tying down the Soviet Union to

the Continent for most parts.

Barrel of the gun: Straight and simple, China wants to dominate the world scene as the sole non-American, non-West voice. More importantly, it does not want India on the high table. It takes, and will continue to take such border swipes at India, also reminding New Delhi of the one-off Indian disaster in the 1962 war—a war that India joined and yet did not join.

Yet, China seems to want to take the US route of reassured friendship with neighbours before taking the superpower route. But it appears to be following the disastrous 'Soviet model' by jack-booting 'friends' in Eastern Europe and mishandling Western Europe, until the collapse in 1991.

Xi Jinping's China still seems to be believing in Mao Zedong's maxim that 'political power flows out of the barrel of a gun'. It also follows the Cold War American way of enlisting smaller nations through economic aid—but on preposterous terms. India does not require Chinese aid. It is not frightened by the show of the Chinese gun.

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THEFT OF CULTURAL TREASURES: REVIEWING ASI'S ROLE

S VIJAY KUMAR



Co-Founder, India Pride Project and Author of *The Iddi Thief*

In mid-March, just before the Covid-19 pandemic hit India with its full force, Union Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel was in Parliament answering questions on stolen antiquities raised in the Rajya Sabha by Trinamool's Sukhendu Sekhar Roy. Many other members representing other states joined the debate and posed valid queries on how, despite the multitude of media reports about rampant thefts in temple sites, the ministry has been sticking to its two-digit official theft number.

The inputs were obviously prepared by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for the culture ministry and it showed not much change had happened in the way officialdom looks at heritage crimes in India. By refusing to acknowledge the enormity of the problem of blatant looting of India's cultural treasures, the jaundiced system had succeeded once more in hiding the obvious in red tape. This series of monthly articles will focus on each aspect of this cultural drain and suggest solutions. We take the ASI and aligned archaeologists in this first column.

Firstly, the ASI is only the custodian of a small percentage of heritage sites in India and their functioning has been the subject of a

very critical report by the CAG in 2013, which has still not been answered fully in Parliament. The culture ministry and in essence the government is responsible for all of India's heritage and not just the declared heritage sites. As such, the crime/theft statistics have to come from law enforcement and not the ASI. Our state police records did have separate counts of heritage crimes right from the 1920s upto the 1970s, as can be seen from the CBI's report to UNESCO in the mid-70s.

Further, many cases have been closed claiming that the idols are non-traceable. But we have proved that even idols stolen in the 1960s can be successfully restituted. Hence, a pan-India exercise to tabulate all recorded FIRs for cultural property theft, irrespective of whether the cases are open or closed, is the need of the hour.

Secondly, we tackle the question of ethics within the archaeological community. "Do archaeologists have an ethical obligation to report looting?" was the title of a recent policy brief by Dr Blythe Alison Bowman Balestrieri of the Antiquities Coalition—a diverse group of experts in the global fight against cultural racketeering. Some of the key takeaways from the document are crucial for defining policy in India.

Looting, illegal digging and theft in whatever form causes "irreparable damage to the archaeological landscape, and the knowledge archaeologists hoped to glean from these sites about the human past has also been compromised, if not lost entirely..." In short, looting destroys context and reduces an archaeologically significant find to a showpiece curio.

The policy brief draws insight from a global survey on why many field archaeologists say they do not report looting in archaeological sites when they encounter it, and argues that the duty to report should be a central tenet of a field archaeologist's professional ethics. Some of the startling results that actually supported our long-held claim was the result of the survey in which nearly 15,000 archaeologists took part: Not only did 80% state they had experienced first-hand encounters with looting, they also noted that these were not isolated encounters—i.e. looting is frequent, iterative and widespread. What did they do when faced with such looting? The survey says nearly 15% of archaeologists documented it internally, 25% took no action, while 62% did not notify external agencies including archaeological authorities or law enforcement.

What are the pos-

sible reasons for non-reporting or inaction? Some archaeologists say economic conditions cause poor locals to turn to looting and add that they are the victims of the global market, exploited by the desires of dealers and collectors who are the real villains, a simple problem of supply and demand.

But the need argument can be applied to any form of theft. And should archaeologists even be viewing these in this manner, especially in the Indian context where there are specific laws that make such illicit digging and looting illegal? Further, smuggling networks even employ their own people to loot the sculptures. The actual diggers are paid literally peanuts compared to what the middlemen and dealers make even before the artefact is smuggled out and prices multiplied 100 times over in the eventual markets in Europe and America.

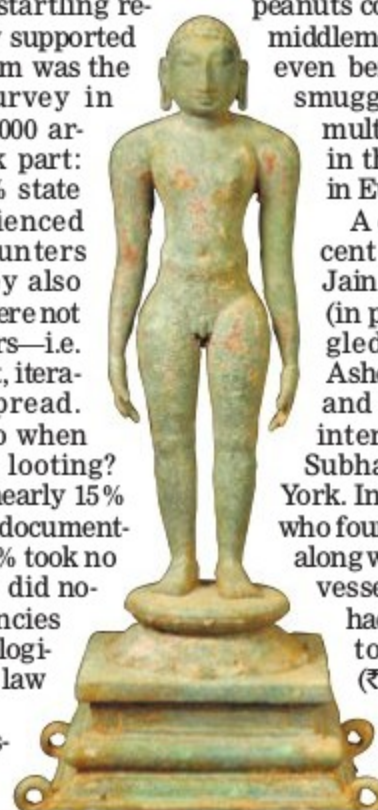
A case in point is a recent seizure of a Chola Jain Teertankara bronze. (in picture). It was smuggled out by Sanjeevi Ashokan and Deendayal and eventually reached international smuggler Subhash Kapoor in New York. In early 2004, a farmer who found the buried bronze along with a few ceremonial vessels (sadly lost now) had sold it for its weight to a scrap merchant (₹5,000). Within a year in February 2005, the bronze had

been sold by Kapoor for \$70,000 to a collector in New York City.

The non-reporting of stolen artefacts has long been a stumbling block in many of our unsuccessful restitution attempts. Let's take a look at how the inaction by archaeologists contributes to the continuing destruction of heritage sites. As the policy brief points out, it creates the perception that looting is not as rampant as activists like us say it is. Collectors and dealers make use of it and try to influence policy to downplay the role of looting in the global antiquities trade, leading to a weak regulatory mechanism and poor policing strength.

This is exactly the problem that the culture minister sadly faced when answering questions in Rajya Sabha. The problem will not go away till the ministry addresses the root cause and comes up with a code of ethics and code of conduct for field archaeologists—be it the ASI, state archaeology departments or various academic institutions that contribute to some entry-level excavation works. The code of conduct should include reporting any incidence of theft and looting not only in museums, but also in site museums and excavation sites. Further, ASI employees should declare any conflict of interest (immediate and extended family), especially with regard to licenses for art dealerships.

(The India Pride Project's #BringOurGodsHome initiative has helped bring many stolen idols back to our country. Email ID: vj.episteme@gmail.com)



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Depending on single source

This is with reference to *Messy border and the supply chain* (June 3). The virus is not the first wake-up call. Such problems have happened earlier due to the dependence on a single source, but organisations have not learned a lesson. The total dependence on China has been solely due to the low prices. Virus or not, depending on a single source in one geographical location is not prudent. OP Swaminathan, Bengaluru

States must coordinate

This is with reference to *Messy border lockdowns ought to be avoided* (June 3). The efforts of the nation will only be fruitful if there is coordination among the states. If not, it will jeopardise our recovery and worsen the condition of citizens. Vinod Narayanan, T'puram

Don't denounce entire nation

This is with reference to *The American dream now chokes with anger* (June 2). The George Floyd incident dispels our notions of maturity and fairness about the police in developed nations. But denouncing a whole nation and its culture, which millions of Indians have also made their home, is unwarranted. P Mangaladhandran, Kannur

Helps with contact tracing

The TN government making it mandatory for customers visiting salons and beauty parlours in Chennai to provide their Aadhaar numbers apart from name and address is welcome. This measure will help with contact tracing. As hair dressing and grooming jobs require close proximity, this is a good step to try and control virus spread. R Sivakumar, Chennai

Crucial time now in TN

This is with reference to *Ramping up testing in Tamil Nadu* (June 3). With the rapid increase in the number of cases in the state, especially in Chennai, Tamil Nadu should increase, not decrease, its rate of testing. Now is a crucial time, especially with hundreds of people entering the state daily from other regions. S Nallasivan, Tirunelveli

Increase testing

The number of Covid-19 cases in TN are increasing, and the fatality rate too is going up slowly. At such a time, it is worrying that testing is decreasing from about 14,000 to about 12,000 per day. Testing is one of the only ways to fight the virus right now. So the government must not be reluctant to increase it. D Pazhanivel, Tiruvarur

Backdoor entry?

It is surprising to note that 87-year-old Deve Gowda and 77-year-old Mallikarjun Kharge are the possible Rajya Sabha nominations from the JD(S) and Congress. People have already rejected these politicians in the recent Lok Sabha elections. The politicians seem to want a backdoor entry now, instead of giving young leaders an opportunity. Hemarath Bhide, Mangaluru

Bihar move welcome

The Bihar government's decision to distribute contraceptives along with giving family planning advice to quarantined migrant workers is wise. They should be counselled on matters of education, health, and ways to improve their lives. We must try to end migration of labourers with this generation. Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Trains and Covid

There are no 'unreserved' compartments now. The Railways should not run such bogies till the threat of the virus is over as it is nearly impossible to try and maintain any kind of physical distancing in those jam-packed compartments. Further, the number of passengers on the platform will come down. Vanka Venkata Ramadas, Tanuku

Don't reopen markets now

Karnataka has managed the Covid crisis reasonably well so far, in spite of the huge IT population and international travellers in Bengaluru. But the government seems to be giving in to the pressure of traders to open the K R Market and Russell Market in Bengaluru. After Chennai's Koyambedu experience, this appears to be a retrograde step. R Srirampasad, Bengaluru

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Centre must distribute 10 kg to everyone per month for six months. There are more food grains in rotting in godowns

— Sitarum Yechury, CPI(M) leader

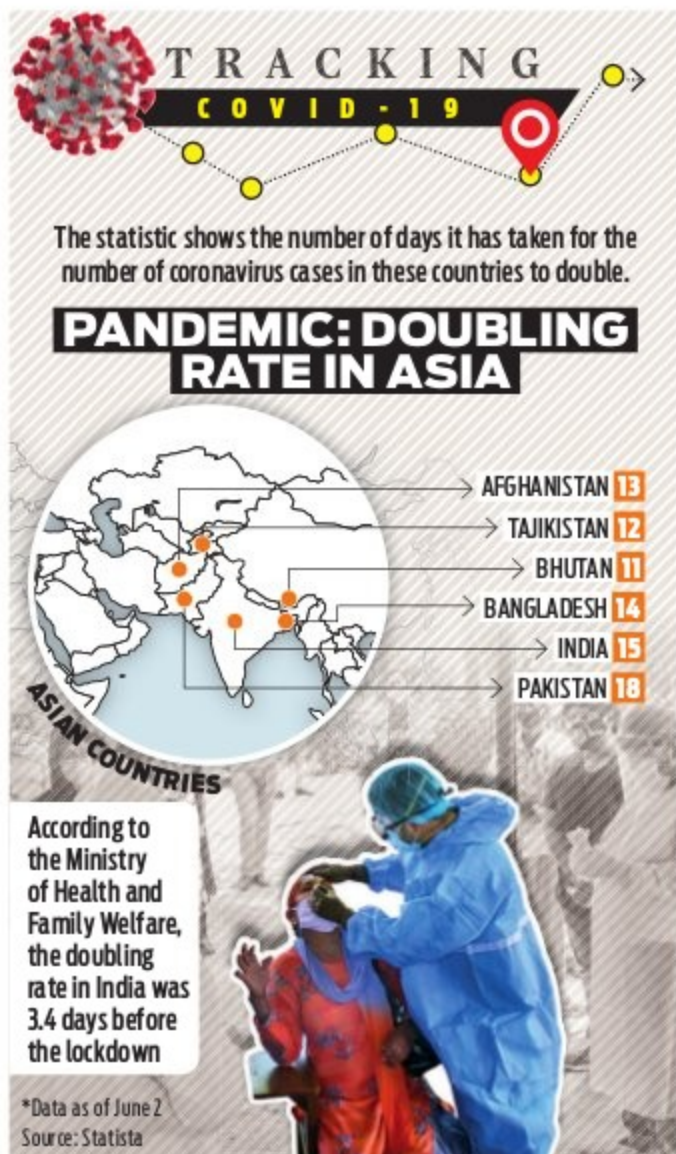
DELIVERY DEADLINE

Restaurants, food aggregators like Zomato and Swiggy in Haryana will have to ensure home delivery by 8 pm so that no delivery boy is on the roads post curfew hours.

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EPFO processes over 50 lakh KYC requests in 2 months

NEW DELHI: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has updated Know Your Customer (KYC) of over 50 lakh subscribers in two months. "EPFO updated KYC data for its 52.62 lakh subscribers in the month of April and May 2020. This includes Aadhaar seeding for 39.97 lakh subscribers, mobile seeding (UAN activation) for 9.87 lakh subscribers and bank account seeding for 11.11 lakh subscribers. KYC is a one-time process which helps in identity verification of subscribers through linking of Universal Account Number (UAN) with KYC details," a statement from the labour ministry said. EPFO has also undertaken massive exercise of rectifying details of subscribers. "This resulted in 4.81 lakh name corrections, 2.01 lakh date of birth corrections and 3.70 lakh Aadhaar number corrections in the last two months," the statement added. Any KYC compliant member can avail all the online services either through desktop or through Umang App.

Char Dham pilgrimage from June 8 for U'khand residents

DEHRADUN: Uttarakhand government will start religious tourism for Char Dham shrines- Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri from June 8 for pilgrims of the state. State government officials said that pilgrimage to Char Dham will be allowed for Uttarakhand pilgrims only. Madan Kaushik, state cabinet minister and government spokesperson said, "The pilgrims from Uttarakhand will be allowed from June 8 for pilgrimage to the Char Dham shrines. The number of pilgrims will be decided by government to check the spread of Covid-19." The decision to expand the permission for pilgrimage to other states and union territories will be taken later based on various factors including infection and spread of Covid-19. Portals of the Char Dham shrines was opened but pilgrimage was not allowed. Last year, more than 38 lakh pilgrims travelled to the revered four shrines of the hill state.

BJP MLA tweets SOS to Sonu Sood, invites Cong attack

BHOPAL: A tweet by a former MP minister and senior BJP MLA Rajendra Shukla, seeking actor Sonu Sood's help to bring back migrant workers from Mumbai, has given the opposition ammo to attack the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led government in the central Indian state. Congress leaders, including former state Congress president Arun Yadav and party's first-time MLA Kunal Chaudhary, attacked the BJP government in the state, saying that Shukla's tweet has exposed the hollowness of Shivraj Singh Chouhan government's tall claims of having brought back more than five lakh migrant workers. "The BJP MLA seeking help from actor Sonu Sood to bring back migrant workers stranded in Mumbai has raised several questions on the functioning of the BJP government in MP. BJP MLA Rajendra Shukla's tweet shows that the ruling party legislator has lost faith in his own government," ex-union minister Yadav tweeted.



MADDING CROWD

People throng the Nimadganj market after authorities eased lockdown restrictions in Jabalpur on Wednesday | PPT

60% of India's Covid deaths in Maha & Gujarat

Seven states including Delhi, MP, WB, Rajasthan & UP account for 90% fatalities; all five southern states have less than 8% share in total count

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SEVEN states — Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh — account for over 90 per cent of India's Covid-19 fatalities, an analysis of data on death toll has revealed. Of these, the first two states alone have reported over 60 per cent of the total deaths.

In contrast, the five southern states — Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Telangana — have less than 8 per cent share in the total deaths.

Daily death count in the country has been above the 200-mark for last several days and the total tally has crossed 5,800.

Maharashtra and Gujarat have reported 2,465 and 1,092 deaths, respectively, due to coronavirus infection. On an average, the daily death count in Maharashtra during last week was 70-80. However, Gujarat is now witnessing a flattening of curve of new cases.

TN death rate low, Maharashtra struggling

On an average, the daily death count in Maharashtra during last week was 70-80. Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Covid-19 cases and deaths. However, the state with 24,500 confirmed cases has recorded only 187 deaths, registering one of the lowest mortality rates at 0.77 per cent.

Delhi, which is at the third position with 556 deaths, has witnessed a spike in daily fatalities in the last few days. The total number of deaths in the national capital on May 31 and June 1 were 57 and 50, respectively, doubling from 20-25 deaths till about a week ago.

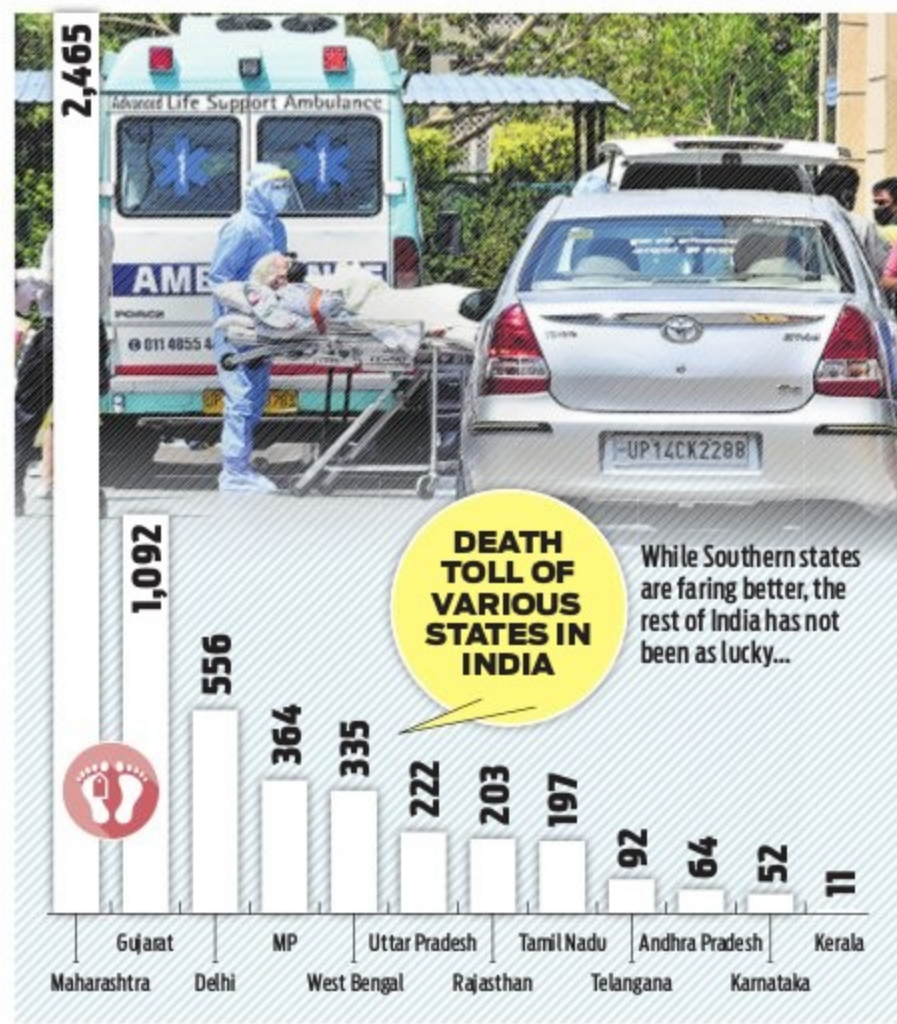
Considering the sudden spike in the numbers, the Delhi government has reportedly asked district collectors to scout for additional land for creating cremation and burial grounds.

Among the southern states, Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Covid-19 cases and deaths. However, the state has one of the lowest mortality rates.

The total number of confirmed cases in Tamil Nadu stood around 24,500 on Tuesday afternoon. However, the state recorded 187 deaths, registering a mortality rate of 0.77. The death count on Wednesday had gone up to 197.

Moreover, the state has seen a sharp rise in confirmed cases in the last few days, with the daily count going up by over 1,000. Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala have relatively less deaths at 92, 64, 52 and 11, respectively.

West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh have recorded 335 and 364 deaths so far. Past data disclosed that the two states have not recorded much movement in daily death count and have recorded 8-9 fatalities every day.



CONCLAVE

Digital India prepared for Covid-19, says BJP chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

BJP chief JP Nadda on Wednesday said that the government's digital push had prepared the country to deal with the challenges posed by the Covid-19 outbreak. He said that while the Opposition had opposed Aadhaar seeding of bank accounts, the government was able to transfer cash in response to Covid-19 challenges in quick time because of Digital India campaign.

"Since 2014, the NDA government under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi sought to bring the poor under the ambit of banking through the Jan Dhan campaign. The Opposition sought to put roadblocks, but the Centre was able to transfer cash to mitigate hardship caused by Covid-19 because of the steps taken for digital India," said Nadda, while addressing the concluding session of the online course on good governance by the party's think-tank Public Policy Research Centre.

The five-day long sessions were conducted by NITI Aayog vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar, member VK Paul, BJP vice-presidents Vinay Sahasrabudhe, BJ Panda and other senior officials. "From time to time by self-introspection, we made sure that the government should be more participative in policy-making and bringing reforms, rule of law should be implemented, and there should be transparency and responsiveness to issues raised by the public at large," added Nadda.

Corona tally crosses 2L after biggest spike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Covid-19 tally recorded yet another biggest single-day spike with 8,909 fresh cases reported in the 24 hours since Tuesday 8 am, taking the total count to 2,07,615 across India. The death toll rose by 217 in this period, taking the number of total fatalities to 5,815. The number of active cases has also risen to more than 1.01 lakh.

The silver lining in the Union Health Ministry's update was that at least 1,00,302 COVID-19 patients have recovered, with the overall recovery rate being over 48 per cent.

While the badly-hit states such as Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Delhi saw a jump in infections, new cases continued to surface in eastern and Northeastern states such as Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Sikkim. India is the seventh worst-hit nation after the US, Brazil, Russia, the UK, Spain and Italy.

The health ministry said the number of Covid tests across the country has crossed the 40 lakh-mark. The daily testing capacity has been ramped up to 1.4 lakh through 480 government and 208 private laboratories and attempts are on to further increase the capacity to two lakh tests per day, said sources. Among southern states, Kerala reported its highest single-day spike of 86 cases, taking its tally to 1,494. Tamil Nadu also reported its highest single-day spike of 1,286 cases, with total confirmed cases going up to 25,872. The state also saw 11 more fatalities, taking the count to 208. Gujarat's tally of confirmed cases rose by 485 to touch 18,117, while death toll increased by 30 to 1,122.

Maharashtra, the worst-hit state, reported 122 deaths, the highest for a day, while the count of positive cases rose by 2,560 to 74,860. A total of 2,587 people have died of Covid-19 in the state.



Passengers wearing face masks check-out from the airport at Gaya in Bihar after arriving from Kyrgyzstan | PPT

Govt launches SWADES to tap skill set of out-of-job Indians returning from abroad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre has launched a skill-mapping exercise of the citizens returning to the country under the Vande Bharat Mission. Called SWADES (Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support), the joint initiative by the ministries of skill development & entrepreneurship, civil aviation and external affairs aims to create a database of qualified citizens so as to tap their skill sets and experience to fulfill the demands of Indian and foreign companies. Officials said the information will be shared with companies for suitable placement opportunities.

"When we began Vande Bharat Mission, we observed that a lot of overseas workers returning due to job losses possess skill sets and experience which can be of great value for domestic and international markets. We reached out to MSDE to create an online portal for creating database of these workers," said Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. The returning citizens are required to fill up an online SWADES Skills Card that will facilitate a strategic framework to provide them with suitable employment chances. In-flight announcements are being made regarding the card. The Airport Authority of India and private airports have put up banners and digital signages. "The data collected through SWADES Skill Card will help the citizens with job prospects and bridge the demand-supply gap," said MN Pandey, Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

He now ekes out a living doing odd jobs under the rural job scheme. "My bad luck was that just before the lockdown, I purchased a new video camera worth ₹1.5 lakh. I have not used it once, it has become a dead investment," he said. Hanumanthu in Mahabubnagar district has also been working as a labourer since the lockdown. He was a lecturer at a private college, earning ₹10,000 monthly. But with the college shut, he found refuge in MGNREGA to survive. "I came back to my

Archer forced to sell veggies eyes govt support

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Ranchi

SONU Khatoun, a national-level archer, who was forced to sell vegetables to earn a living during the lockdown, has sought support from the state government so that she can continue to practice the sport. Though she has been provided financial assistance worth ₹20,000 by the district administration in Dhanbad after intervention of CM Hemant Soren on Tuesday, but according to her, the money is not enough to buy a normal kit.

Sonu had to stop practice after her bow, which she had purchased by saving money, was broken. Sonu's father works as a daily wage labourer and supports a family of five. "I was getting free coaching from Shamshad Sir at Feeder Centre, sponsored by Tata Steel. I continued my practice by purchasing a low-cost kit but it broke a year ago." She was working as a domestic help but the lockdown forced her to start selling vegetables.

Rail Minister must resign or be sacked: Congress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ATTACKING the Centre over mismanagement of Shramik special trains, the Congress on Wednesday said central government has been distorting facts on payment of fare and Railway Minister Piyush Goyal must resign or be removed.

"Union Railway Minister has said that 85 per cent of the cost has been subsidized by the Railways and the States are supposedly bearing only 15 per cent. This is the very serious point on which we need to pin down the Government," the party said.

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi said not only has the Modi Government not spent a penny, but, instead in most cases, the superfast charge

of ₹30 and ₹20 charge for food and water was in fact levied.

"Now, far from giving things for free, which was the impression given to everybody, these are charges charged by the Railways. It is now clear that the Central government has been distorting facts and being less than fair with the public regarding rail travel for labourers and migrant labourers," he added.

Singhvi asked how is it that the Railway Minister has not resigned or has not been removed based on these facts and figures? This is simple question which the country is asking, the Government is not answering this question, because they don't believe that human dignity is based on freedom and freedom is based on human dignity.

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S THANGAPANDIYAN, 40, in Tamil Nadu's Nagapattinam district was a sales representative-cum-supervisor at a popular textile shop in Tiruvavur. He was laid off when the shop closed on March 25. With a wife and two children to feed, he has turned to MGNREGA work to keep the home fires burning.

"I am educated up to Class X. I worked in a textile shop for over 20 years. My company terminated me recently citing loss of business due to the lockdown. I have a wife and two children to take care of so I have come for wages under the MGNREGA," he said. Sirigiri Ravi of Adilabad in Telangana is a trained videographer. Wedding shoots used to keep him busy in the summer months and he would earn up to ₹2 lakh. But not this season as the lockdown has led to many weddings being cancelled or postponed.



Chef Santosh Kumar Ray (extreme left) is currently working as a labourer | EXPRESS

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Hanumanthu in Mahabubnagar district has also been working as a labourer since the lockdown. He was a lecturer at a private college, earning ₹10,000 monthly. But with the college shut, he found refuge in MGNREGA to survive. "I came back to my

native village as my college shut down. I could not get a job so I am doing manual work. I get ₹202 per day but anything is better than nothing," he said.

Santosh Kumar Ray, 30, of Jharkhand's Giridih district finds himself in the same boat. Until the lockdown, he used to be a cook at Chennai's Dialogue in the Dark, a multi-city chain of restaurants. With the restaurant shut he returned to his village and is now working as a labourer. "I used to earn ₹20,000 a month, besides getting free food and lodging in Chennai. I had to return home after the restaurant was closed. After remaining jobless for around a month, I had no option but to take up a job under the MGNREGA in my village," Rai said.

No official data is available on the current rate of unemployment. But the Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy, a private think-tank, has estimated it to be as high as 23.5% in May.



(Top) Fishermen use a crane to shift their boats to Badhwar Park during Cyclone Nisarga, in Mumbai on Wednesday; a sea-wave strikes a vessel near Mirya embankment during Cyclone Nisarga at Ratnagiri Narmada Cement Port in Maharashtra | PTI

Cyclone: Konkan region takes major hit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

BOTH people and administration were re-lived as Cyclone Nisarga, which landed in Mumbai on Wednesday, spared the Covid-battered metropolis of any major damage.

The major damage occurred in Konkan region as the cyclone whirled past at speeds of over 100 kmph. Crops, cotton and other trees were either destroyed or left uprooted. Four people were left injured in this cyclone. In Ratnagiri, a fuel carrying vessel capsized but all the 10 people were successfully rescued.

The Maharashtra government has asked local administrations to carry out the damage assessment and to prepare plan for compensation.

According to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), the cyclone damaged 117 trees/branches while 29 short circuits were reported across Mumbai.

BMC chief Iqbal Singh Chahal said that after the alert from the IMD, the civic body put its entire evacuation and rescue system in place. "We created 30 temporary shelters where 18,887 people were shifted from danger zone to a safer place within Mumbai. Food and water were provided with these people at these temporary shelters home," Singh said.

As precautionary measures, the BMC officials were directed

to remain on alert for next 24 hours. In Navi Mumbai, more than 10 houses were damaged due to tree collapse while 25 trapped people were rescued.

No major damage was reported from the southern coast of Gujarat on Wednesday afternoon. The Gujarat government had evacuated over 63,700 people from coastal areas of eight districts and 18 NDRF and SDRF teams were deployed for rescue operation.

Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani said that the situation is under control, people should cooperate with the local administration. He said his government has decided to adopt the zero casualty approach while preparing for the rescue operations.

LAC: Indian, Chinese troops disengage at stand-off point

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIAN and Chinese troops have disengaged at one of the four standoff sites at LAC in Ladakh days before a meeting between Lt-General rank officers of the two militaries scheduled Saturday.

Sources confirmed that the "PLA soldiers have moved back around 2 km from one of the standoff points in Galwan Valley while India has retreated about 800 meters from the point".

On Wednesday, Northern Army Commander Lt-Gen Y K Joshi visited Leh to take stock of the situation along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh ahead of the crucial meeting. The two armies have been locked in standoff position since May 5-6 May night. Subsequently the Chinese entered the Grey Zones (the intervening area between the claim lines of the two sides) at three more points.

The disengagement is seen as a good sign before the meeting on June 6 where seven officers from both sides are expected to be present. The two sides will meet in the Border Personnel Meeting hut at Moldo which is against the Indian side of Chushul.

"The meeting was requested by the Chinese side. The Indian team will be led by 14 Corps Commander Lt-Gen Harinder Singh and a staff officer from the Western Theatre Command of China," said an officer.

PM fund: Didi seeks ₹10K cash for every migrant

Mamata also blames 'outsiders' for stoking anger among jobless workers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday urged the Centre to provide ₹10,000 each to home-bound migrants in one-time assistance from the PM CARES Fund.

Regarding the accusations that the Bengal government was not allowing migrants to enter the state, she said that already 6.5 lakh workers had reached while another 4 lakh would land by June 10. "Had we not allowed the migrants, how could lakhs of people return to their homes? A section of outsiders is spreading this false news to anger the migrants," she said.

Mamata claimed Bengal is the only state which is paying the railways for bringing its people. "We have already paid ₹12 crore as train fare for mi-

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Mamata Banerjee, Bengal CM

grants. Additional ₹13 crore will be paid to railway authorities. ₹15 crore have already been paid to bring back 2.5 lakh migrants by road."

The eastern state has received 160 trains till date and additional 75 trains will arrive the state within June 10.

The government is spending ₹3 crore per day to run the quarantine centres across the state, Mamata said. "In the states where the migrants were stranded, no arrangement was made to ensure

food and treatment for them. But we not only secured food and treatment for those who came here from other states to work as labourers, but also arranged transports for their return to their home states."

Later, the Bengal BJP reacted to the statement thought the CM did not mention its name. "The BJP has not angered the migrants. But the state government's reckless attitude angered them and it will be understood at an appropriate period," said BJP national secretary Rahul Sinha.

Meanwhile, Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar said he spoke to Mamata for resolving the controversy over the appointment of two persons as the pro-VC of Burdwan University. "I have urged her that she should take a call at her level," he said.



NOT SO MUSICAL

A marriage party band at a protest seeking help as work is hit due to Covid lockdown in Bikaner on Wednesday | PTI

GUJARAT: BLAST AT FACTORY KILLS FIVE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

FIVE workers were killed and 56 others injured after a boiler exploded at a chemical factory at Dahej in Gujarat's Bharuch district on Wednesday.

Officials fear that the toll would go up as the rescue operation was still on at the site in the afternoon. "So far, we have confirmed the death of five employees. Some bodies were found at the factory, while others died in hospital. The rescue operation is still underway,"



A plume of smoke rises up from the chemical factory after the blast | TWITTER

Bharuch Superintendent of Police RV Chudasama said.

The blast was so intense that it was heard at Bhavnagar, which is 20 km away from the explosion site. The explosion at the chemical plant sparked a massive fire following which the local authority shifted the people from these nearby villages to safer areas. The fire posed a risk to the tank storing hydrogen, sulphur dioxide, and ethanol at the plant.

Ten fire engines were at the site to douse the fire and rescue

the workers. A long plume of black smoke was seen rising from the plant that is located in an open area.

"Around 35-40 workers received burn injuries after the boiler exploded in the afternoon. All the injured have been taken to hospitals in Bharuch, and efforts are on to control the fire and rescue as many as workers. The villagers nearby factor were evacuated. The fire has engulfed the entire factory," Bharuch collector MD Modia informed the media.

EXPRESS READ

India or Bharat? SC refuses to hear plea

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to hear a plea that sought changing the name of India to Bharat. It asked the Centre to treat the petition as a representation and decide on it. A SC bench observed that Article-1 of the Constitution already refers to India as Bharat and directed the appropriate ministry to consider the petition.

Kashmir: Three Jaish militants eliminated

Srinagar: Three Jaish militants, including an IED expert who was mastermind of the May 28 failed car bombing, were killed in an encounter in Pulwama district on Wednesday. The trio, IED expert Abdur Rehman of Mullan, Pakistan was killed after a gunfight of nearly four hours, the police said.

Shah Faesal freed, PSA revoked

SRINAGAR: The J&K government on Wednesday revoked the Public Safety Act (PSA) of former IAS officer-turned politician Shah Faesal and PDP leaders Sartaj Madni and Peer Mansoor.

The trio was detained after the Centre scrapped Article 370 on August 5 last year.

An official said J&K's Home Department has revoked PSA detention of Faesal, Madni and Mansoor with immediate effect. He said all the three have been released.

Faesal was detained at Delhi airport on August 14, 2019 while he was about to fly abroad. He was brought to Srinagar and booked under the stringent PSA in February and his detention was extended on May 14. **ENS**

India condemns defacement of Buddhist carvings in PoK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA on Wednesday condemned the vandalism and destruction of Buddhist carvings in Gilgit-Baltistan in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

"We have conveyed our strong concern at reports of vandalism, defacement and destruction of invaluable Indian Buddhist heritage located in so-called Gilgit-Baltistan area of the Indian territory under illegal and forcible occupation of Pakistan," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said, adding that Pakistan was trampling the rights of people in the region.

The reaction from the MEA came after reports surfaced on social media that Buddhist

carvings from 800 AD were damaged by unknown persons in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of PoK. Pictures on social media showed slogans and Pakistani flags painted fresh on the rock carvings.

"Egregious activities of this nature which display contempt for the ancient civilisational and cultural heritage, are highly condemnable," Srivastava said. The Indian government has sought access for its experts to "restore the restore and preserve this invaluable archaeological heritage."

The MEA spokesperson also called for Pakistan to immediately vacate all illegally occupied territories and end the violation of political, economic and cultural rights of the people of the region.



Hair dressers relieved after lockdown relaxation

Smiles returned on the faces of hair dressers in Guwahati as the Assam government allowed them to open their outlets from June 1. However, they had been asked to restrict their service to only trimming of hair. They had been also asked to wear masks and hand gloves and ensure frequent sanitization. There was an uncertainty on the reopening of salons and beauty parlours as a barber in Guwahati had tested Covid positive during the lockdown.



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GUWAHATI DIARY

NGO feeds the poor for two months

The Khalsa Centre North East (KCNE), an NGO in Guwahati, that fed the poor all throughout the Covid lockdown was the Khalsa Centre North East (KCNE). The KCNE had marked the completion of its two months of non-stop "fight against hunger" by celebrating Eid with slum dwellers in three localities of Kamrup (Metro) district. The Eid menu included vegetable pulao, kheer and kabli chana distributed to people in Muslim-majority localities. KCNE chairman Capt PP Singh said women and children also joined them in feeding the poor. Dr. Ashma Begum, a social worker, and Sobhana Chaudhury, a journalist, chose to observe their Eid by joining the KCNE and serving the needy. In 60 days of the lockdown, the KCNE had reached out to over 2.6 lakh people in over 70 localities.

IIT-Guwahati's innovative solutions

The IIT-Guwahati is developing innovative solutions to address sanitation and precaution concerns amid the Covid pandemic with a set of affordable, innovative products. It has developed a low-cost heat-based sanitizer trunk, injection mould for mass manufacturing of face shield, disinfectant tunnel, universal foot operated hand sanitization system, high-grade quality of face shields etc. "The institute is pushing the limits and thriving hard to serve the nation by developing innovative and affordable products, which is in line with PM's call for making India self-reliant," the IIT-Guwahati said.



Six held for disrupting Assam CM's convoy

The Guwahati police arrested six people the other day after two cars which they were travelling in had tried to disrupt the convoy of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal by breaking traffic signal. Immediately after the incident at ABC locality, the accused had tried to flee but the CM's escorts managed to intercept one vehicle. The other was traced soon after, about 2 km away. The six accused included two women. Four of them were later granted bail. One of the accused is the owner of a bar. Sonowal was travelling to his official residence at Brahmaputra Guest House when the incident occurred. The CM is protected by a team of NSG commandos.



\$1.9 bn
Warner Music, one of the globe's "big three" recording firms, raised over \$1.9 billion in an IPO



Beijing	37	25	SNY	Los Angeles	32	18	SNY
Colombo	32	25	TDS	Melbourne	19	15	LC
Doha	36	26	SNY	Moscow	18	11	LR
Dubai	37	26	SNY	New York	12	7	LR
Houston	30	18	SNY	Singapore	33	26	TDS
Istanbul	21	12	LC	Toronto	11	4	SNY
London	18	6	SNY	Washington DC	13	7	HR

LR: Light Rain HR: Heavy Rain
TDS: Thunderstorm LC: Light Cloud SNY: Sunny



WASHINGTON

US moves to block flights by China's airlines

The Trump administration on Wednesday moved to block four Chinese airlines from flying to the US, starting June 16, in an escalation of trade and travel tensions between the two countries. The decision was a response to China's failure to let United Airlines and Delta resume flights this week to China, which were suspended earlier this year.



SYDNEY

Covid-19 restrictions could cost Aus universities \$11 bn

Australian universities could lose up to USD 11 billion as an indefinite coronavirus border closure locks out the foreign students who keep the sector afloat, the industry said. Lobby group Universities Australia said the revenue shortfall would have a lasting impact on not only higher education staffing and facilities but also undermine the sector's world-class research.



DES MOINES

Republican known for racist comments loses primary

Republicans in northwest Iowa ousted Representative Steve King in Tuesday's primary, deciding they've had enough of the conservative lightning rod known for making incendiary comments about immigrants and white supremacy throughout his nearly two decades in Congress. The nine-term congressman lost to well-funded a state Senator.



WASHINGTON

Joe Biden closes in on Dem nomination for president

Joe Biden is on the cusp of formally securing the Democratic presidential nomination after winning hundreds more delegates in primary contests that tested the nation's ability to run elections while balancing a pandemic and sweeping social unrest. Biden could lock down the nomination within the next week as West Virginia and Georgia hold primaries.



LONDON

Virus curbs are not a ban on having sex, Britain says

The British government on Tuesday defended tweaks to its coronavirus lockdown rules, after claims that a ban on overnight stays between households would criminalise sex. The new guidelines prohibit two people from different households from meeting in a private place. Some media called it an effective "bonking ban" and #sexban began trending on Twitter in Britain.



CARACAS

V'zuela's Maduro & Guaido cooperate in Covid-19 fight

The government of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and opposition leader Juan Guaido have reached an agreement to cooperate to raise funds for the fight against the coronavirus, they said Tuesday. With help from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the two sides will coordinate efforts to seek financial resources to combat the pandemic.



SEOUL

South Korea plans \$29 bn stimulus for creating jobs

The South Korean government on Wednesday proposed its biggest stimulus package yet of \$29 billion. The virus has already thrust the world's 12th-largest economy into a 1.3% quarter-on-quarter contraction in the January-March period. The objectives include the creation of 550,000 jobs and emergency funds for business owners and SMEs.

Calm returns to US streets, protests largely peaceful

Defense secretary breaks with Trump, opposes military crackdown of street protests

Trump denies he sheltered in bunker

President Donald Trump on Wednesday denied media reports that he was rushed for his safety to the White House bunker while protests raged in the streets outside.

"It was a false report," Trump told Fox News radio, before elaborating that he did go into the secure area but only for a "tiny, little, short period time." Secret Service bodyguards reportedly took Trump into the bunker on Friday night

Indian-American hailed as hero for hosting protesters

Rahul Dubey, an Indian-American businessman, opened the doors of his home here to over 70 people demonstrating against the killing of George Floyd, and has emerged as a hero after he rescued the strangers from the clutches of the police, fed them and made sure they were safe in his house, as per US media reports



MINNEAPOLIS

The nation's streets were calmer here than they have been in days since the killing of George Floyd set off mostly peaceful but sometimes violent demonstrations over police brutality and injustice against African Americans.

Earlier curfews and efforts by protesters to contain the lawlessness were credited with preventing more widespread damage to businesses in New York and other cities.

By Wednesday morning, arrests had grown to more than 9,000 nationwide since the vandalism, arson and shootings erupted around the US in reaction to Floyd's death May 25 in Minneapolis. At least 12 deaths have been reported, though the circumstances in many cases



are still being sorted out.

In Washington, where authorities ordered people off streets before sundown, thousands of demonstrators massed a block from the White House on Tuesday evening, following a crackdown a day earlier when officers drove peaceful protesters away from Lafayette Park to clear the way for President Donald Trump to do a photo op with a Bible at a church. A

black chain-link fence was put up to block access to the park.

"Last night pushed me way over the edge," said Jessica DeMaio, 40, of Washington, who attended a Floyd protest. "Being here is better than being at home feeling helpless."

Pastors at the church prayed with demonstrators and handed out water bottles. The crowd remained in place after the city's 7 p.m. curfew passed, defying warnings that the response from law enforcement could be even more forceful. But the people were peaceful, even polite. At one point, the crowd booed when a protester climbed a light post and took down a street sign. A chant went up: "Peaceful protest!"

Breaking with Trump, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said on Wednesday he opposes

using military forces for law enforcement in containing current street protests.

'Military not needed'

Esper said the Insurrection Act, which would allow Trump to use active-duty military for law enforcement in containing street protests, should be invoked in the United States "only in the most urgent and dire of situations." He declared, "We are not in one of those situations now."

Invoking the Insurrection Act has been discussed as Trump has talked about using the military to quell protests in US cities. Esper has authorised the movement of several active-duty Army units to military bases just outside the nation's capital, but they have not been called to action. Agencies

UK offers sanctuary to 3 mn Hong Kongers

LONDON

CHINA warned Britain on Wednesday that interfering in Hong Kong will backfire, after the former colonial power vowed to give sanctuary to locals who may flee the city if a controversial security law is passed.

The US and Britain have enraged Beijing with their criticism of planned national security legislation that critics fear would destroy the semi-autonomous city's freedoms.

British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab has further angered Beijing by suggesting that it had time to "reconsider" the plan, which could soon be enacted after the proposal

was endorsed by China's parliament last week.

PM Boris Johnson, meanwhile, said London would not "walk away" from Hong Kongers worried by Beijing's control over the international

business hub. He wrote in a column for The Times and the South China Morning Post that he would offer millions of Hong Kongers visas and a possible route to UK citizenship if China persists with its security law.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian London must "immediately stop interfering in Hong Kong's affairs and China's internal affairs, or this will definitely backfire."



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson | AFP

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Tender Type	Open
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T.N. No. 05 /2020-21/HDO, dated 29.05.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 09.07.2020, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirupur Circle for CRIDP 2020 - 21 Works, (Package No. 80 & 81) pertaining Karur (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 08.06.2020 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Circle, Tirupur.

DIPR/2033/Tender/2020

TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PROJECT CIRCLE, CHENNAI - 35.
TENDER NOTICE No.: SE/PC/3/2020-21 Dated: 03.06.2020

Sealed tenders with pre-qualification in two cover system are invited for the following works by the Superintending Engineer, Project Circle, Tamil Nadu Housing Board, No. 485, M.T.B Building, Anna Salai, Nandam, Chennai-600 035:

Sl. No.	Description of work	Approximate value (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount Rs.
1	Area Development scheme for 58 Nos of Residential Plots (5-MIG, 34-LG and 19-EWS) & 2 Shop sites in S.No.289/1, 289/2 and 286/3B of Mulai Nagar, Tambaram Village, Chengalpattu District.	87.90	Rs.53,950/-
2	Area Development scheme for 197 Plots (40 - MIG, 79 - MIG and 78 - EWS) in S.No.428/1, 3A, 440/1, 2, 431/1 & 2A, 442/5, 6 of Ponneri Village & Taluk, Thiruvallur District.	350.00	Rs.1,85,000/-

Last Date for receipt of tender: 26.06.2020 upto 11.00 am., Date of Opening of tender: 26.06.2020 at 11.15 am., period for sale upto 25.06.2020 upto 1.00 pm., Cost of tender document Rs.15,500/- including GST. The tender schedule can also be downloaded from the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost. The tender documents can be had from the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Project Circle, TNHB, No.485, Anna Salai, Nandam, Chennai - 600 035.

Superintending Engineer (H) Project Circle

DIPR/2065/TENDER/2020

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.
(A Govt. of India Undertaking, Ministry of Defence)
Regd. Office : 43/46, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata 700 024

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ONLINE BIDDING

E-tender No.: CDO/AB/OT(Press)/Design Partner/NET-1143 Dated 03.06.2020

SUB: Bids in single stage two bids system (Part-I: Techno - Commercial Bid and Part-II: Price Bid) are invited for "Detail Design Activity of Naval Ship Design and Construction Project", from resourceful and financially solvent vendors having experience in AVEVA Marine/TRIBON/Equivalent Software.

1. For complete details refer to website <https://eprocuregrse.co.in> or www.grse.in and E-tender offers are to be submitted in E-PROCUREMENT mode through GRSE E-portal.

2. Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender enquiry will be published in the above websites only.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TRICHY (CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.12/2020-21/HDO/Dated:03.06.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received up to 10.07.2020, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy-20 for CRIDP 2020-21 works (Package No.93 to 96) pertaining Thanjavur (H) C&M Division.

Details of Works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 08.06.2020 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M CIRCLE, TRICHY-20

DIPR/2061/TENDER/2020

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TRICHY (CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.10/2020-21/HDO/Dated:01.06.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received up to 07.07.2020, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy-20 for CRIDP 2020-21 works (Package No.71 to 77) pertaining Tiruvallur (H) C&M Division.

Details of Works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 06.06.2020 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M CIRCLE, TRICHY-20

DIPR/2042/TENDER/2020

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD & RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.04/2020-21/SDO/Dated:03.06.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Item wise tender through online only will be received upto 06.07.2020, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer(H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle for One bridge work in respect of Chengalpattu (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division under NABARD RIDF XXV - 40 Bridges 2019-2020.

Details of Name of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 09.06.2020 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) NABARD & RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU-1

DIPR/2062/TENDER/2020

DAVANAGERE SMART CITY LIMITED
#1776/A85/A86/Siddaveerappa Layout, Shamanur Road, DAVANAGERE-577 004.
Tel-08192-222383, CIN: U74999KA2016PLC093411, davanageresmartcity.mrc.gov.in
No: DSCL/E-Tender/2020-21/ 174 Date : 02.06.2020

RE- TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-2)
Through Government of Karnataka E-Procurement Portal Only

As per Karnataka Transparency in the Public Procurement Act-1999-2000 Law of Act-2000 and under standard Tender Documents Rule KG the undersigned invites tender in two cover system through e-procurement portal for the work detailed below. The tenderer may submit tender through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (<https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>). Further details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned or by contacting e-procurement helpline Telephone No.+91 80 23010900, +91 80 23010901. (Amount in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	E-Procurement No.	Name of the Work	Amount Put To Tender in Lakhs	EMD in Lakhs	Completion Period
1	UDD/2019-20/IND181	DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, INSPECTION, TESTING AND SUPPLY OF FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOAM TENDER FOR FIRE BRIGADE USE. (CALL-2)	55.00	1.10	03 Months

Note : Any change of date and other information will be notified only in e-procurement portal. (1) Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting: 09.06.2020 hrs : 12.00. (2) Last date & time for tender queries: 17.06.2020 hrs : 15.00. (3) Last date & time for submission of Tender: 18.06.2020 hrs : 15.00. (4) Date & time of opening Technical bids : 20.06.2020 hrs : 16:30. (5) Date & time of opening of Financial Bid: 23.06.2020 hrs: 11.30

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Davanagere Smart City Ltd., Davanagere.

Sd/- Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Davanagere Smart City Ltd.,Davanagere.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Salem (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.5 / 2020-21 / HDO / Dated : 01.06.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 08.07.2020 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H), C&M, Salem Circle for CRIDP 2020-21 Works,(Package No.90 to 102 and One Individual Work) pertaining Krishnagiri (H) (C&M) Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 06.06.2020 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) (C&M), SALEM CIRCLE.

DIPR/2039/TENDER/2020

Current Price
₹356.65Target Price
₹475

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

ICICI Bank: Strong risk management systems and superior tech capability will help ICICI Bank deliver quality growth in retail business while the cautious approach in corporate lending will help avoid any lumpy provisions. Lower exposure to the SME segment (3.5% of loans) provides some comfort. We estimate ICICIB to deliver RoA/RoE of 1.3%/12.4% in FY22, earnings to stay buoyant

— Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd

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MARKET WATCH



MARKET

284.01 Sensex 34,109.54 8245 Nifty 10,061.55 ₹50

GOLD

₹24 carat (1 gm) ₹4,665 ₹50 22 carat (1 gm) ₹4,545

SILVER

₹1260 Per gm ₹48,900 ₹1.26

FOREX

Dollar 75.46 Euro 84.61

Cabinet paves way for investments

As part of several ongoing reforms, a high-level empowered group of secretaries and a project development cell have been set up to attract more FDIs and domestic investments

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Hyderabad

THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved setting up of an empowered group of secretaries and a Project Development Cell (PDC) in ministries to attract more investments.

The move already announced by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman under the Aatmnirbhar Bharat relief package announced last month, was cleared by the Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The group, chaired by the cabinet secretary would comprise Niti Aayog CEO and secretaries from the DPIIT, Department of

Commerce, Department of Revenue, Department of Economic Affairs, the concerned department head and the secretary Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) will be the member convenor.

The objectives include bringing synergies and ensuring timely clearances from different departments and ministries; to attract increased investments into India and

provide investment support and facilitation to global investors. Targets to departments will also be issued for completion of the investment cycle.

"Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, India is presented with an opportunity to attract FDI inflows into the country especially from large companies which seek to diversify their investments into new geographies and mitigate risks," said an official statement.

Besides, the Cabinet also approved the formation of PDC for the development of investible projects in coordination between the central and state governments. Under the guidance of the secretary, an officer not below the rank of joint secretary of each central line ministry, who will be in-charge of the PDC, will be tasked to conceptualise, strategise, implement, and disseminate details with respect to investible projects. "The government is determined to put in place an investment friendly ecosystem that strongly supports the domestic investor as well as FDI to boost the economy," it added.

The new mechanism will reinforce India's vision of becoming a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25. The government is determined to put in place an investment friendly ecosystem to boost the economy...

Official statement

APPOINTMENT

Uday Kotak is new CII president

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

VETERAN banker Uday Kotak, managing director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited has assumed office as the president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2020-21, the chamber said Wednesday.

Kotak takes over from Vikram Kirloskar, chairman and managing director of Kirloskar Systems Ltd and vice chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor.

An MBA from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai, Kotak, the president-designate for the last two years, was the Chairman of CII Economic Affairs Council, Financial Sector Development Council, among others. He was also appointed as the non-executive chairman of the new IL&FS board to steer the company out of its financial crisis. He was also chairman of the Sebi panel on corporate governance.

Besides, the industry body also announced appointment of T V Narendran, CEO and managing director of Tata Steel Limited, as the president designate of CII for 2020-21. Narendran is an alumnus of IIM Calcutta and NIT Trichy. He was the co-chair of Mining & Metals Governors Council of the World Economic Forum.

Sanjiv Bajaj takes over as CII vice-president. Bajaj, who is the chairman and managing director of Bajaj Finserv Limited, was earlier the chairman of CII Western Region during 2019-20.



M&M counts loss of 87,000 vehicles, 30,000 tractors due to pandemic

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HOME GROWN auto major Mahindra & Mahindra on Wednesday said that the estimated quantum of loss due to coronavirus-induced lockdown for March is around 23,400 vehicles and 14,700 tractors, while the same estimate for Q1 FY21 is 87,000 vehicles and 30,000 tractors.

In a regulatory filing, the company said its revenue and profitability will be impacted in line with the fall in volumes mentioned above. "Profitability for the quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2020 will definitely be impacted... In the last two months, the company's operations have been impacted due to very low to insignificant sales during the first three weeks of lockdown and costs being incurred."

Revenue and profitability will also be impacted in line with the fall in volumes in Q1



BOOST FOR TRACTORS

Factors such as record rabi production, announcement of higher MSPs leading to better realisation to the farmers and outlook of a normal monsoon to boost demand for tractors.

of FY21," the company said.

Speaking about its capital and financial resources, M&M said it presently has adequate capital and financial resources to run its business. However, in a separate regulatory filing, it said it will consider raising of funds by way of issuance of securities but not limited to

secured/unsecured redeemable non-convertible debentures on private placement basis, in one or more tranches / series.

Similar to other carmakers and commercial vehicle makers, M&M also reported zero sales in April. In May, after partial resumption of operations, it recorded 79 per cent decline in its domestic vehicle sales to 9,076 units. Currently, the only silver lining is its tractor sales, which went up by two per cent in May.

"Though it is difficult to predict the demand scenario for the immediate short term, we expect the tractor demand to show good improvement on the back of several positive factors such as record rabi production, higher procurement and announcement of higher MSPs leading to better realisation to the farmers and outlook of a normal monsoon aiding sentiments for a good kharif crop," M&M noted.

Private airport owners' stare at liquidity crunch

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

SHARP fall in passenger traffic across airports since late March and no signs of major improvement in coming days is likely to result in moderation of private airport operator's credit profile and liquidity position, credit rating agency ICRA noted. Passenger traffic is estimated to decline by 45-50 per cent in FY21.

The agency said that given likelihood of weak traffic for a prolonged period and resultant operations conducted at sub-optimal capacities and at the same time necessity to invest in infrastructure to ensure passenger safety and meet preventive requirements against the pandemic,

ic, the airports' profitability and cashflows are likely to remain under pressure in the near term. This risk is further exacerbated in case of the privatised airports, as most of them are in the midst of undertaking sizeable debt funded capex to expand capacities.

Anupama Arora, sector head & vice-president, corporate ratings, ICRA, says "Thus far, the underlying business position of the privatised airports has been

supported by their strategic importance and sizeable share in the country's total air traffic; and adequate liquidity profile for most, with sizeable fund availability. However, a prolonged impact of the pandemic on the operations of these airports, in the absence of any meaningful support from key stakeholders, is likely to result in moderation of their credit profile and liquidity position."

50%
Expected drop in passenger traffic in FY21

POLICY CALL

Google takes down Remove China App, Mitron from Play Store

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

IN less than 24 hours, two viral apps — Mitron and Remove China Apps — were removed from Google Play Store for violating its app store policies. Hailed as a popular Indian alternative for Chinese TikTok, Mitron violated 'spam and minimum functionality' policy, tech giant Google confirmed **TNIE**, while the other app was suspended for violating Google Deceptive Behaviour rules.

"Our global Play policies are designed to provide a safe and

secure experience for our users while also giving developers the tools they need to succeed. When violations of these policies are identified, we have an established process of working with developers to help them find remedies," a Google spokesperson for the Mitron App told this publication.

With over five million downloads since its launch in April, the app is owned by Shibank Agarwal, a student of IIT Roorkee, who bought the source code of the app from a Pakistani coding company Qboxus

and rebranded the app as 'Mitron' before launching in India. The app violated on multiple vulnerabilities such as 'repetitive content' or an app without adding any original content or value that amounts to a violation of Google's policy.

The move comes close on the heels of the anti-China sentiment that gained ground amid rising tension on the Indo-China border as well as the due to the pandemic that originated from China's Hubei province. As for the Remove China Apps,

the developer is a Jaipur-based start-up OneTouchApp Labs. According to the developers, the app doesn't "promote or force people to uninstall any of the application(s)" and is developed only "for educational purposes only. Users of the app, however, pointed out that the app, as the name suggests, allows users to delete all apps on their phones that are developed in China. It scans the user's device and lists the apps with China as their origin and allows users to decide which app they want to remove.

ASIANOMICS

THAILAND

PUMPS ANOTHER \$58 BILLION TO TIDE OVER CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Thailand's parliament early this week passed a \$58 billion economic package to mitigate the coronavirus impact. The package pools three things including government borrowings, central bank measures via soft loans and support through corporate bonds. Of the total package, a significant chunk was earmarked for public health works and relief measures, while the rest will be for rebuilding the economy and job creation. The fresh stimulus is in addition to measures introduced earlier this year to prevent its economy from heading into a recession. Thailand's central bank expects the economy to sharply contract this year.

SINGAPORE

MOOTS JOINT PROJECTS TO BUILD A COMPETITIVE MARITIME SECTOR

To quickly rebuild its economy, Singapore has called proposals for joint industry projects, particularly in the maritime sector. The open call by the Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) with the Maritime Innovation & Technology (MIT) Fund provides up to 50% funding support for impactful projects and 70% for qualifying projects. Potential topics for Joint Industry Projects include — medication for seafarers and tele-consultation, enhanced customer services and minimal touch points at piers, and solutions and standards for remote ship inspection as well as survey.

CHINA

SERVICES SECTOR SWINGS TO GROWTH IN MAY AS COVID-19 ABATES

For the first time since January, the service sector in China, the world's second-largest economy, saw growth in May indicating that its economy was recovering. The Caixin/Markit services PMI rose to 55 in May from 44.4 in April, hitting the highest level since late 2010. The 50-mark separates growth from contraction on a monthly basis. China's economy shrank 6.8% in Q1 for the first time since quarterly records began. Services sector, also a key job creator, accounts for about 60% of the economy, and growth was primarily driven by a sharp rise in the domestic new business even as export orders declined for the fourth month in a row.



NUMBER PLAY

40% drop in loan recoveries likely in this fiscal

5% Overall economy to contract in FY21

₹60,000 cr

Banks to get from resolution, down from ₹1 lakh cr last year

LOWER REALISATION

Lower realisations from resolution plans could also spill over to the next financial year as fresh insolvency proceedings have been suspended for one-year period

The resolution of corporate insolvency resolution proceedings (CIRPs) would be impacted in FY21 as the number of CIRPs yielding a resolution plan drop

Bad loan recoveries to come down by 40% in FY21: Icra

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Hyderabad

THE Covid-19 pandemic may leave an unprecedented blow to the banking industry. If until now, the cross-country lockdown meant credit flow and deposits growth took a knock, the latest report from ratings firm Icra notes that even loan recoveries from stressed assets will likely decline by a sizeable 30-40 per cent in FY21. The anticipated reduction is due to the suspension of new proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) by 12 months, it added.

Consequently, Icra estimates that banks and other financial creditors will be able to garner just about ₹60,000-70,000 crore from the resolution of troubled assets during the current financial year, down from ₹1 lakh crore raked in the previous year.

According to Abhishek Dafria, vice-president, Icra, the pandemic has thrown up new operational challenges for various parties involved in a resolu-

tion process. This could limit the number of cases yielding a resolution plan, especially in the first quarter of FY21.

The year gone by (FY20) had large-sized non-performing assets successfully concluding the corporate insolvency resolution proceedings (CIRPs). A successful resolution of a large housing finance company is going to be the key determinant of the amount financial creditors would realise this fiscal.

The agency also said lower realisations from resolution plans could also spill over to the next financial year as fresh insolvency proceedings have been suspended for one-year period. New insolvency proceedings initiated in FY22 are unlikely to get resolved in the same fiscal, given the typical average time period seen for CIRPs to conclude with a resolution plan is quite high, it added. While the time required for successfully concluding a CIRP would increase, creditors also need to provide additional time to bidders for due diligence.

82% of salaried struggling to survive

BISMAL MALIK @ Bengaluru

THE Covid-19 pandemic has changed India's spending habits and the trend is here to stay. As per a recent survey by digital lending platform, IndiaLends, 82 per cent of the respondents (salaried professionals) said that they are struggling to make ends meet in these tough times and 84 per cent expressed they are cutting back their spending, particularly on non-essentials.

Nearly 40 per cent of the respondents said the shopping

increase due to Covid-19 situation while over 70 per cent said they would spend less on non-essentials including entertainment, luxury and lifestyle in the post-coronavirus period as most believes keeping money reserved will be the priority.

As per IndiaLends data, 71 per cent of its customers had existing loans, out of which 45 per cent had applied for a moratorium. "The pandemic has changed the way we all function, affecting our physical, mental, emotional and fi-

nancial wellbeing. Salaried individuals, in particular, are coping with the potential burden of job losses and pay-cuts. The impact on their income and savings has seen a growth in demand for retail loans. To alleviate hardships of borrowers, we are making the application process easier and convenient, and ensuring quick disbursement of loans through a touch-less and contact-less system," Gaurav Chopra, chief executive officer (CEO) and Founder of IndiaLends, said.



EMERGENCY STORAGE

5.33 MT

India's strategic reserve capacity

9.5 days

Support oil needs for less than 10 days

Topping up reserves saved India ₹5,000 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE filling up of India's new strategic petroleum reserves has saved the country around ₹5,000 crore in forex as oil companies capitalised on the lowest crude oil prices in decades this April, according to the Union Ministry of Petroleum. India currently has a strategic reserve capacity of 5.33 million tonnes of crude oil — just about enough to meet its oil requirements for 9.5 days — and officials say this capacity has been filled over the past month.

"Strengthening India's energy security and taking advantage of low crude price due to the Covid19 situation, India filled its strategic petroleum reserves to its full capacity, resulting in forex savings of ₹5,000 crore to the exchequer," the ministry tweeted.

The government had instructed state-run oil marketing companies such as Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, Hindustan Petroleum and Man-

galore Refinery and Petrochemicals to import oil from the Gulf region and fill up the strategic reserves by taking advantage of the record low prices.

Meanwhile, the ministry also said that Indian Oil Corporation has received the first cargo of Urals grade crude oil from Rosneft of Russia in April amounting to two million tonnes of crude.

Prices remain volatile

While Brent crude prices topped the \$40 per barrel mark early on Wednesday in anticipation of more output cuts from the OPEC+ group, prices began falling again later in the day after Russia and Saudi Arabia delivered an ultimatum that other members of the group who were not meeting earlier output cut commitments have to do so now.

If not, the two massive oil suppliers are likely to walk away from the agreement which has stabilised prices, analysts note.



IOA chief Narinder Batra on Wednesday said the governing body hopes to see national championships and tournaments from October, provided the Covid-19 situation "does not go bad". "If I'm not wrong we should be seeing national championships, competitions coming up from October provided things don't go bad," Batra said in a webinar organised by FICCI.

TARGET PRACTICE FOR THE FUTURE

For more than two months, athletes across various disciplines haven't been able to put themselves through the rigours of a proper training regimen. Express spoke to prominent names from five sports to try and get their estimates on how much time it will take for them to become fully match-fit...

SLOW & STEADY APPROACH

It should take about two to two and a half months for me, but it depends on shuttler to shuttler. Initially, we'll focus on building strength as we have not hit the gym for over two months. It's vital to gain strength first. We do various forms of exercises and some weight training. We'll be dedicated to building strength for a week or so. Then, we can start on-court training alongside. If you directly do on-court training without strength training, there are high chances of injury. The latter includes shadow practice (movement on court without play involved). Working on our movement will be of prime importance, and we gradually do other forms of practice like tossing. Sparring comes much later, once we are fit and ready. We have to be patient. It's difficult to say exactly how much time it will take. Once we start, we get a clearer idea on what to do next. After I have reached around 60 to 70 per cent, it could take another four to five weeks to reach the top of my game.

B Sai Praneeth, Shuttler



GRADUALLY BUILD RHYTHM

This is a completely new situation. To put a definite time scale is difficult but I feel it will take at least one month to 45 days to get back to a competitive level. There are a lot of factors involved in table tennis. For just a practice match, players can get ready in a week or 10 days. But to get into tournament rhythm will take time. In terms of training, we also need to take precautions regarding load and intensity. We cannot just think of our level prior to the lockdown. It will take time and my mental trainer has kept advising me on taking it one day at a time. The main things to work on will be the small technical details like return of serve, third-ball attack. Working on all these aspects has not been possible due to the lack of sparring partners. Apart from that, the game is all about rhythm; foot movement and hand-eye coordination. Mentally, it will be key to just focus on improving oneself. I'm sure players will get back into the groove since there are no international events any time soon.

G Sathyan, Paddler



FITNESS IS BASE TO BUILD ON

We are itching to get back to the nets, but it is hard to tell how long it will take to get back in shape for competitive cricket. Other than breaks caused by injuries, I have never been away from bat and ball for so long ever since I was 10 years old. Only after we start batting and bowling will we know where we stand and where we have to be. What kind of work is needed and in which areas, will also become clearer once we start. I read somewhere that some of our trainers are saying it will take about 2-3 weeks. My understanding is, it will take 2-3 days to know what we missed. The actual process will begin after that. It might be different for each individual. Until we start, it is difficult to predict. What I can say is, I will be there the whole day when we get back to the nets. Although I can have nets on the terrace of my house, I did not do it because it requires involvement of others, which I wanted to avoid. I worked on fitness during the break and feel completely fit.

Vijay Shankar, Cricketer



ENDURANCE KEY TO REVIVAL

We have been undergoing fitness training daily at home, so it's not like we're completely out of touch. To be ready for an event, it will take at least a month. We haven't trained with a partner for long so that should take some time. First and foremost, we'll work on building strength and endurance. We'll do some weights and running to gain endurance. Gradually, we can move on to partner training. If there's an event coming up, we train accordingly. Otherwise our training sessions are longer. The rounds will be longer, with punching bag sessions and pad workouts. When we are in practice, we get to know about progress. That's when we can assess. If I'm able to complete one round with ease, I'm almost ready. The approach to training for heavyweight and lesser weights is different. I'm confident that I can get back to the level that I was before this pandemic within a month or so with standard training without restrictions.

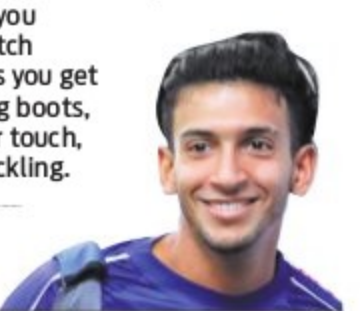
Amit Panghal, Boxer



PITCH NEED TO BE FULLY READY

As far as overall fitness is concerned, my training never really stopped. I have continued fitness and core exercises at home. I've kept in touch with the Professor (Luka Radman, strength and conditioning coach of Indian team) and we have been working on various aspects. Right now, what I require most is to get on to the pitch and train for match situations. Once that is done, I will be in good shape. It will take a little time to get a hang of technical and tactical routines. But once that happens, we will be ready for matches. I've missed on-the-ball drills. I tried to do as much of them as possible at home, like dribbling around cones, or passing and receiving the ball using a wall. But getting on the pitch and doing proper football conditioning training is a completely different thing. Playing rondo, or five-a-side, or the one-on-one games on the pitch really helps you acclimatise to match situations. It helps you get back your shooting boots, and improves your touch, awareness and tackling.

Sahal Abdul Samad, Footballer



INPUT: ATREYU MUKHOPADHYAY, AYANTAN CHOWDHARY, ANMOL GURUNG

EXPRESS READ

Three SL players being probed by ICC for fixing

COLOMBO: Three Sri Lankan cricketers are being currently probed by ICC for match-fixing. Sports Minister Dulas Alahapperuma said. He did not mention if they were former or current players. "We are sorry to see that sports had fallen short of discipline and character," he added. However, Sri Lanka Cricket insisted no current players were involved in the ICC investigation. On the drug charge faced by Shehan Madushanka, Alahapperuma said "it was sad and the country had high hopes on him".

BFC sign Chaudhari, Ralte on two-year deals

BENGALURU: Bengaluru FC have signed defender Pratik Chaudhari and goalkeeper Lalithammawia Ralte on two year deals ahead of the 2020-21 season, the club announced on Wednesday. The former was part of Mumbai City FC last season while Ralte is not new to BFC as he was previously part of the squad from 2014-2018. "It's always a nice feeling when you find out that one of the best clubs in the country is interested in you and I'm extremely glad that this deal has gone through," said Chaudhari.

Tests after injury will be a challenge: Pandya

NEW DELHI: Hardik Pandya is wary of risking his injury-ravaged back for Test cricket right now and says it's because he understands his "importance" in the white-ball formats. Pandya is currently on road to recovery from the back injury which needed a surgery last year. "I see myself as a back-up seamer for sure. After my back surgery, I don't know, playing Test cricket right now will be a challenge," the 26-year-old told Cricbuzz in Conversation.

Bravo, Hetmyer & Paul pull out of England-Windies Tests

AFP @ St John's

DARREN Bravo was among three West Indies cricketers to turn down a place in the squad for next month's three-Test tour of England, Cricket West Indies (CWI) announced on Wednesday. Also missing out are fellow batsman Shimron Hetmyer and fast-bowling all-rounder Keemo Paul. "Darren Bravo, Shimron Hetmyer and Keemo Paul all declined the invitation to travel

to England for the tour and CWI fully respects their decision to choose to do so," CWI said in a statement. "As previously stated, CWI will not hold this decision against these players when considering selection." Jason Holder will skipper a 14-man squad that features two newcomers in fast bowler Chemar Holder (no relation) and middle-order batsman Nkrumah Bonner. The squad also includes Shai

Hope, who during the West Indies' 2017 Test match win at Headingley became the first batsman to score hundreds in both innings of a first-class match at Yorkshire's headquarters. This year's three back-to-back Tests, rescheduled because of the coronavirus outbreak, which the UK government says has claimed at least 39,000 lives in Britain, will be played behind closed doors.

But a series that will span just 21 days remains subject to final approval from the UK government. The touring party, who will all be tested for COVID-19 this week, are scheduled to fly to England on private charters on June 8. The West Indies squad will live, train and play in a "bio-secure" environment during the seven weeks of the tour, as part of the comprehensive medical plan to ensure player and staff safety, CWI said.

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY BUILDINGS AND ROADS (SOUTH) DIVISION PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No.140/PW/BRS/DB/D5/F.No.476(NAB)/2020 - 21 Puducherry, the 03.06.2020

PRESS NOTICE FOR e - TENDER
e-tender No.03/ PW/EE/BRS/ 2020-21
e-tender No.04/ PW/EE/BRS/ 2020-21

On behalf of the President of India e-Tenders are invited for

1	Improvements to RC.18 road from Guduvaiyur bridge to Kumaramangalam bridge, Korkadu road branching from RC.18 to connects at RC.19 and Korkadu Enikarai road branching from RC.20 to connects to Korkadu road in Netappakkam Commune, Puducherry at cost of put to tender of	Rs.2,16,31,399/-
2	Improvements to RC.21 frontier road from NH45A at Madagadipet junction to Pandasozhanallur junction (via) Netappakkam in Netappakkam Commune, Puducherry at cost of put to tender of	Rs.2,50,15,726/-

For further details please refer to the website <https://pudutenders.gov.in>
No.040/DI/AD/Press/2020-21

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

Office of the Executive Engineer, (North West) - 2 Division, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 055.

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER - 2nd CALL
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

BWSSB invites Itemwar tenders from registered agencies for the following works.

IFT No.: BWSSB/EE(NW-2)/PB/255/2020-21 Date : 30-05-2020

Work of Providing, Laying and Linking of 300 mm dia RCC NP-3 Class Pipeline to the existing Network at Kanteerava Studio Main Road, Nandini Layout of Ward No. 42, coming under Peenya Service Station of AEE(NW-3) Sub Division.

Amount put to tender: **Rs. 6,66,967/-, E.M.D.: Rs. 16,700/-**

IFT No.: BWSSB/EE(NW-2)/PB/263/2020-21 Date : 01-06-2020

Work of Providing and Laying of 1000 mm dia MS Water Supply Feeder Line to Deviate the existing Feeder Line to facilitate the Construction of Storm Water Drain by BBMP at Chowdeshwarinagar Pipeline Road, coming under Hegganahalli Service Station of AEE(NW-3) Sub Division. Indent No. 6020.

Amount put to tender: **Rs. 8,41,458/-, E.M.D.: Rs. 21,100/-**

For the above works Last Date and Time for Receipt of tenders will be on **10-06-2020 upto 4.00 p.m.** and Date of Opening of tender will be on **12-06-2020 after 3.00 pm.** The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-Procurement can be obtained by logging on to : <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (North West-2)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(SHIVA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/EE(MSP&MM)/SHIVA/F-14/CALL-2/50 Date: 02.06.2020

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPCL invites bids through Gok e-Procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in under works category from reputed agencies for "Providing painting to penstock pipes of Unit #8 at Shiva Generating Station." Last date for bid submission online of Technical & Financial Bid (Cover I & II): **01.07.2020 at 16:00 hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid: **02.07.2020 at 16:30 hrs.** The brief bid notification can be accessed from e-Portal. Any other details can be obtained from the Executive Engineer (MSP&MM), Shivasamudram-571430, Malavalli (Taluk), Mandya Dist., Ph/ Fax: (08231) 247027, e-Mail: cepmshshivakp@karnataka.gov.in

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY CALICUT
NIT CAMPUS P.O. CALICUT, KERALA 673601, INDIA

(Ref No. NITC/1-1/2020-Adm.)

TENDER NOTICE

National Institute of Technology Calicut invites competitive tenders in two parts (Technical & Financial) from the eligible, experienced Indian Agencies for supplying/providing Security Services & other ancillary manpower services to NITC campus for a period of 12 months (Extendable up to 12 months based on satisfactory performance). The detailed NIT and tender document including specifications, eligibility requirements can be viewed/downloaded from the Institute website www.nitc.ac.in

Cost of tender - **Rs.2,360/-** (Inclusive of tax) & EMD - **Rs.1,00,000/-**
Date and time of pre-bid meeting: **10.06.2020, 11.00am**
Last date and time of submission of bid: **24.06.2020, 05.00pm**
Date and time of opening of technical bid: **25.06.2020, 11.00am**

(s/d)
Registrar

ODISHA SKILL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Directorate of Employment, Govt. of Odisha, Niyogan Bhawan, Kharvela Nagar, Sriya Square Bhubaneswar-751001
(E-mail-ID: emp.osda2018@gmail.com)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR

Selection of an Agency for Development of Vision 2030 and Strategic Roadmap for Skill Development in Odisha

KK-03: Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA), a Society under the Department of Skill Development and Technical Education, Government of Odisha invites responses to this RFP from reputed organizations with proven track record to provide consulting services for Development of Vision 2030 and Strategic Roadmap for Skill Development in Odisha.

The details relating to the eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and other information relating of this RFP can be downloaded from the Government of Odisha Portal: <http://www.odisha.gov.in> under All Tender Section, www.knlnindia.com or www.emmissionodisha.gov.in and also from www.emmissionodisha.gov.in/Exchange/tender.jsp or the tender section from <http://www.emmissionodisha.gov.in>.

Proposal may be submitted to the Director of Employment & CEO, OSDA on the above mentioned address in a sealed envelope through Registered Post/ Courier / Speed post. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason thereof.

The last date for receipt of proposal is **31.7.2020 by 4.00 P.M.**

-Sd- Director of Employment & CEO
Odisha Skill Development Authority
Niyogan Bhawan, Kharvela Nagar, Sriya Square, Bhubaneswar-751001.
OIPR-14027/11/0001/2021

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಸಂ-2, ವಾಲ್ಮೀಕಿ ಜಲಾಶಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ
ಸುತ್ತಾಳೆ-576229 ಕುಂದಾಪುರ (ತಾ), ಉಡುಪಿ (ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ), ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ
ಸಂ: ಕಾಂ/ಕನಿ/ನಿ/ವಾಂ/ನಿ-2/ಬಿ/ಬಿ/ನಿ/05/2020-21/256 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.06.2020

ಅನ್ವಯದ ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ
(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೆದಿಕೆ) (ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಕಂಪೆಟಿಟಿವ್ ಬಿಡ್)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವಾಲ್ಮೀಕಿ ಜಲಾಶಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ 4701-ಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರೀಕೀಕರಣದ ರಸ್ತೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೆದಿಕೆ ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸಿದ್ದು, ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ:

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಬೆಂಚರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. (2) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಬೆಂಚರ್‌ಗಿಲ್ಲ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.19.85 ಲಕ್ಷ. (3) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.2.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. (4) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೆದಿಕೆ ಬೆಂಚರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **04.06.2020**. (5) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **08.06.2020** ರಂದು ಸಮಯ **11.00ಘಂಟೆಗೆ**, ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನಿನಿ, ಸಂ-2 ವಾಲ್ಮೀಕಿ ಜಲಾಶಯ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಲಾಗುವುದು. (6) ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಕುರಿತಾದ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣ ಕೇಳಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **08.06.2020** ಸಮಯ **11.00ಘಂಟೆಗೆ**. (7) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೆದಿಕೆ ಬೆಂಚರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **12.06.2020** (8) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15.06.2020**. (9) ಬೆಂಚರ್ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>, www.knlnindia.com ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ ಅಥವಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನಿನಿ, ಸಂ-2 ವಾಲ್ಮೀಕಿ ಜಲಾಶಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು. (10) ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ, ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಿಗಿದ್ದು, www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮೇಲ್ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನಿನಿ, ಸಂ-2 ವಾಲ್ಮೀಕಿ ಜಲಾಶಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಸುತ್ತಾಳೆ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
ವಾಕ್ಯ/ಉದ್ಯಮ/ನಿಗಮ/ನಿ-2/ಬಿ/ಬಿ/ನಿ/05/2020-21/256 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.06.2020

TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,
N.H. - 206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR - 572 107.
Phone: 0816-2206297/142/490/464,
Email: tmupr123@gmail.com, Fax: 0816-2206760

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS
(Tender Notification only through E-procurement)

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-Procurement tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the supply of the material listed below:

Sl. No.	E-Procurement Tender No. & Date	Materials Details	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT 1329 Date:29-05-2020	Bi-annual Maintenance Contract For Motor Rewinding And Repairs for Dairy, 4 Chilling Center.	37,500-00

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: From **03-06-2020 to 18-06-2020 / 2.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **18-06-2020 / 2.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (Cover-1): **19-06-2020 / 2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,
MANAGING DIRECTOR

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Joint Director (Animal Husbandry), Narasimharaja Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No: JDAHBBMP/69/Slaughterlargeanimal/20-21 Date: 03.06.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike invites request of proposals from eligible bidders for collection of entrance fees and slaughter fees for Large Animals at Civil Meat Production and Processing Centre, Tannery Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru on outsourced bases by Interested NGO/Firm/Organization.

Following are the Events of Bid Process:

RFP Reference Number	JDAHBBMP/69/Slaughterlargeanimal/20-21
Date of Commencement of Download of Document from eprocurement website	http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in From 03.06.2020 onwards
Date and Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	08.06.2020 at 11:00 am at the following venue: Chambers of Joint Director, N. R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.
Last Date and Time for Uploading online queries in e-procurement portal	08.06.2020 upto 5:00 pm
Last Date and Time for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement portal	22.06.2020, 11:00 am
Place of Opening of Tender	Online at e-Procurement Portal
Address for Communication: Joint Director (Animal Husbandry) NR Square, Bengaluru - 02. Phone: 080-22130782 Email: jointdirector01@gmail.com	

1. Tender Documents may be downloaded from the website <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/-
Joint Director (Animal Husbandry)
Pay Development Charges - Help to Develop Bengaluru

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, TUMKUR DISTRICT, TUMKUR

NO:BCM-4/O.S/C.R-1/2020-21 Date: 01.06.2020

SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Supply of Man Power to Pre metric, Post Metric, Ashrama schools and M.D.R.S Residential Schools of Working under Backward classes Welfare Department in Tumkur District. Here Two Cover Bid System of in the e-Procurement portal. Be used for furnishing bids by the eligible bidders through Short term e-Procurement Portal We are Calling from Date:01.06.2020 to 01.07.2020 website:<http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> Apply for the tender Last Date:01.07.2020 3.00PM

Sd/- DISTRICT OFFICER
BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, Tumkur
DIPR/TUM/76/MCA/2020-21

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
ಕನಿನಿ, ಮ.ಎ.ಕಾನಿ.ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ-2 ನವಿಲುತೀರ್ಥ-591116
ತಾಲೂಕು: ಸದರಪಟ್ಟಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ, ರಾಜ್ಯ: ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕನಿ/ನಿ/ವಾಂ/ನಿ-2/ಬಿ/ಬಿ/ನಿ/05/2020-21/256 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02-06-2020

ಅನ್ವಯದ ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೆದಿಕೆ) (ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಕಂಪೆಟಿಟಿವ್ ಬಿಡ್)

ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕನಿನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನಿನಿ, ಮ.ಎ.ಕಾನಿ.ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ-2 ನವಿಲುತೀರ್ಥ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ SCP-TSP ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಬರುವ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ತೇರ್ಕಡಾದ ಬೆಂಚರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Work Indent no. 29524 & 29525
ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 89.24 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ರೂ.134.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು

1.ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಬೆಂಚರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15-06-2020 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. 2. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 17-06-2020 ರಂದು ಪೂರ್ವಾಪ್ನ 11.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ. 3. ಅರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-06-2020 ರಂದು ಪೂರ್ವಾಪ್ನ 11.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ

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ONCE A NEW TECHNOLOGY ROLLS OVER YOU, IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE STEAMROLLER, YOU'RE PART OF THE ROAD STEWART BRAND



In a ray of hope against Covid-19, US-based biotechnology giant Moderna has commenced stage 2 trials for its new coronavirus vaccine and aims to enrol 600 participants, up from 45 participants in the phase 1 trials.



A strong earthquake shook northern Chile on early Wednesday, but its epicentre was relatively deep beneath a sparsely populated desert region and there were no reports of serious damage or injury.

EXFILE

Seahorses gallop home during lockdown

A drop in boat traffic and number of people in Dorset, UK, due to the Covid-19 lockdown has led to an endangered species of seahorse returning to the English coast. Marine conservationists found 16 spiny seahorses, the first sighting in two years in the region. We take a look

NOT SEEN SINCE 2018, UNTIL NOW

16 seahorses were reported by the Seahorse Trust, including pregnant males and a baby born this year

No seahorses were seen in Dorset since 2018, when a dead fish was found

40 seahorses were reported in the area in 2008, when monitoring began, but only 2 were spotted since 2015

SCIENTIFIC NAME
Hippocampus histrix

ALTERNATIVE NAME: THORNY SEAHORSE



HABITATS
10-25 METRES

The fish prefer relatively deep waters (10-95 m)

They are usually found below 15 metres depths

30% Experts believe that the populations of the spiny seahorses have declined by more than 30% over the last 10-15 years.

GRASS REGROWTH

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The Seahorse Trust opines that reduction in people and boat traffic have led to the fish returning to their old grounds

DESCRIPTION

These fish are characterised by a slender and elongated body, which is covered with thorns

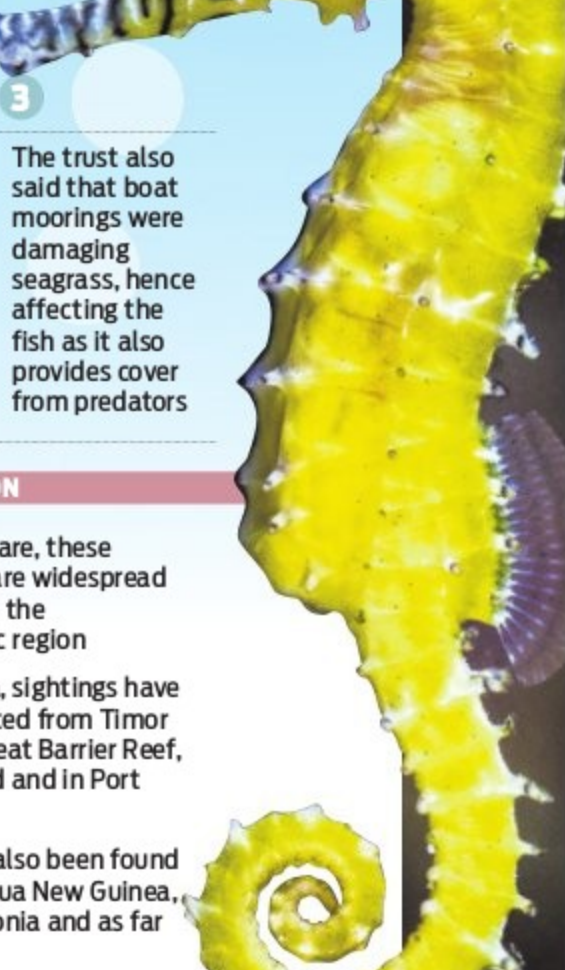
The thorns are sharp with dark tips and uniformly sized on the prehensile tail
It has long snout, which is tapered

2

The lack of human activity has led to the recovery of the food chain, providing seahorses plenty of sea grass to eat

DISTRIBUTION

Relatively rare, these seahorses are widespread throughout the Indo-Pacific region
In Australia, sightings have been reported from Timor Sea, the Great Barrier Reef, Queensland and in Port Stephens
They have also been found in Bali, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia and as far as Japan



Google to face \$5bn lawsuit over Incognito tracking

NOT SO SAFE

SAN FRANCISCO: Google is facing a \$5 billion lawsuit in the US over claims that the search engine giant collected user information even when they surfed the Internet in Incognito Mode or private mode in Chrome browser.

The class-action lawsuit, filed in US District Court for the Northern District of California, alleged that Google tracked and

collected consumer browsing history even if users took steps to maintain their privacy, reports *The New York Times*.

Google also violated a California law that requires consent of all parties to read or learn the contents of private communication, alleged the lawsuit. "Google tracks and collects consumer browsing history and other web activity data no matter what safeguards consumers undertake to protect their data privacy," the

complaints said in their suit seeking compensatory damages. The lawsuit is aiming to utilize the Federal Wiretap Act that provides users with the right to sue if their private communications are intercepted.

A Google spokesperson denied the claim. "We strongly dispute these claims, and we will defend ourselves vigorously against them," a Google spokesperson was quoted as saying. Many users think that once they are logged

into Internet via Incognito Mode, their search history isn't being tracked. But the websites visited can use tools such as Google Analytics to track the usage.

A joint study from Microsoft, Carnegie Mellon University and University of Pennsylvania last year investigated 22,484 sex websites using a tool called "webXray" revealed that 93 per cent of pages track and leak users' data to third-party organisations.

NEST GETS MORE PROTECTION

Google has announced that its Advanced Protection Programme (APP) is now available for Nest smart home devices. Google's APP is designed to give an extra layer of security to anyone who is at "high risk" of being targeted online, such as activists, business leaders, politicians and journalists. It requires physical security keys, one of which has to be used with a password to access the user's account, and restricts most outside access to a Google account, blocking unknown apps and fraudulent attempts to access an account. To enroll in Advanced Protection, users need two physical security keys: A main and a backup and a phone running Android 7 or higher or iOS 10.0 or higher.



Space rock to fly by Earth

NASA is tracking a giant asteroid which may be taller than the Empire State Building in the US and it will be flying near the Earth on Sunday (IST). Given the name rock 163348 (2002 NN4), the space rock is believed to be traveling at a speed of 5.2 km a second or 18,000 kilometres per hour and will pass by near the Earth's orbit this week. Accord-

ing to the *dailystar.co.uk*, it is estimated to be between 820ft and 1870ft — so it could be taller than the Empire State Building (1453ft) and the London Eye (443ft) combined. The international space agency has classed the asteroid as an Aten asteroid, which is a space rock following a very wide orbit around the Sun.



Covid-19 plasma therapy safe, with no side effects

Study reveals 19 of 25 patients showed signs of recovery

CLINICAL TRIAL

HOUSTON: The clinical administration of the blood component plasma from recovered Covid-19 patients to those severely affected by the disease could be a safe option without adverse side effects, according to a study which may lead to better treatment protocols against the infection.

On March 28, researchers from the Houston Methodist Hospital in the US, began clinical trials to transfuse plasma from recovered Covid-19 patients into critically ill patients, they noted in a statement. In the study, published in *The American Journal of Pathology*, the scientists described the clinical outcomes of the convalescent plasma transfusion trial, showing 19 out of 25 patients improving with the treatment, and 11 discharged from the hospital.

However, the study noted that a randomised clinical trial, with a large control group, is needed to validate the findings.



Recovered Israeli patients donate blood samples for plasma | AFP

According to the researchers, this is the largest cohort worldwide assessed for outcomes pertaining to convalescent plasma transfusion for Covid-19, and is the first peer-reviewed publication on convalescent plasma use in the US.

"While physician scientists around the world scrambled to test new drugs and treatments against the Covid-19 virus, convalescent serum therapy emerged as potentially one of the most promising strategies, said study co-author James Musser from Houston Methodist

Hospital. "With no proven treatments or cures for Covid-19 patients, now was the time in our history to move ahead rapidly," Musser added.

The scientists noted that the century-old therapeutic approach dates back to at least as early as 1918 to fight the Spanish Flu.

More recently, the researchers added that convalescent plasma therapy was used with some success during the 2003 SARS pandemic, the 2009 influenza H1N1 pandemic, and the 2015 Ebola outbreak in Africa.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my clients intend to purchase Northern portion of House Property bearing No. 18, 1st Cross, Tata silk farm, Bengaluru, Ward No. 59, measuring East to West: 50 feet and North to South: 22 feet together with the existing building with all amenities from its owner Miss. LALITHA D.A. S/o. Late. D.R. Ananthapadmanabha Jois. Any person/s asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the Sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within THREE days from the date of this publication, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereafter.

Bengaluru, RAJAGOPALA NAIDU ADVOCATE, No.318, 'NCP Towers', 1 Floor, 1 Main, Mount Joy extension, Hanumanthnagar, Bengaluru -19, Date: 03/06/2020

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IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that our clients Mrs. NAGENA, ALSO KNOWN AS SYED NAGENA, Wife of late Syed Imray, Mr. SYED IMRAY, Son of late Syed Imray, Mr. SYED FARAZ, Son of late Syed Imray, SHAFIYA, Daughter of late Syed Imray. All are residing at No. 114, 7th Cross, Doddermudi, Lathigal Fort Road, Bengaluru - 560 004, have lost the original Deed of Sale Dated 06-12-1972, registered as Document No. 3998/1972-73, pages 40-42, Volume 943, of Book I, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, executed by S. Venkataraju and S. Lakshminarayana Raju in favour of Smt. Radhabai and Sale Deed dated 23-08-1985, executed by S.M. Ramasubramanian, in favour of Smt. Radhabai, which is duly registered as Document No. 3519 of Book I, Pages 51 to 54, Volume 607, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru in respect of below mentioned Schedule Property along with tax paid receipts, Khatha and other documents.

Any person found the said Sale Deeds & along with tax paid receipts, Khatha and other documents they may contact at the address mentioned above. In this regard my client lodge a complaint at Crime Branch, Bengaluru City.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Old No. 14, then 14/35, present Municipal No.35, situated at Patel Nagar, Bengaluru, Old No. 14, 1st Cross, East to West: 34.5 Feet, North to South: 38.5 Feet, in all measuring 1328.25 Sq.Ft. together with residential building house constructed thereon, with all civic amenities, AND BOUNDED ON: East by: House of Syed Mohamed Saheb West by: House No. 13, North by: Nanegowda Street, South by: House of M. Muniswamy.

SAYED MUMTAZ, Advocate,

No. 75, H.K.P. Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru - 51, Mobile: 988632402

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Smt. Gowramma and others, who were the owners of the Property bearing Sy.No. 121 of Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarhahalli Hobli, erstwhile Bengaluru South Taluk, now Bengaluru East Taluk, measuring 2 Acres 2/4 Guntas and 3 Guntas of kharab, had executed an Agreement for Sale dated 20/09/2006 agreeing to sell the said property in favour of Mr. Gopinath S/o. Somanekar and Mr. N. Nagaraja Reddy S/o. P. Narayana Reddy, Mr. N. Nagaraja Reddy died on 13/02/2013, leaving behind his wife Mrs. Anjali R. & three children to succeed his estates. At the time of shifting the house, my client Mrs. Anjali R. has lost the original of the Agreement for Sale dated 20/09/2006. My client has lodged a Police Complaint in this regard.

In the event any person finds or in possession of the above said original document, kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address within 15 days of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original document.

SOMASHEKHARA A.N. Advocate

No. 105, 3rd Floor, NR Mansion 12th 'T' Main Road, Muthyalanagar, Bengaluru - 560 054.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General public that my clients intend to purchase the schedule property.

I hereby call upon the Public at large if anyone having right, title, interest or claim over the schedule property shall furnish their objections/claim in support of the documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of issue of this notice. Despite of this notice no claims or objections received by me, then my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property from Mr. J. JOHNSON, S/o Late J.A. Nayagam, R/at No.84, AGES Colony, New BEL Road, Bengaluru-560 054, is the absolute owner of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property known as Shed No.C-60, situated at Industrial Estate, Peenya 2nd Stage, Peenya Industrial Area, within the limits of Nalika dera nahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, standing on a plot of land measuring 17.55 meters, from East to West and 23.05 meters from North to South in all measuring 404.92 sq.meters, comprising of an Industrial Factory shed standing thereon and measuring 139.40 sq.meters or 1500 Sq.ft. A.C. Sheet shed with open space and power facilities, and bounded on East by: P. Second-A Main Road, West by: Industrial Shed bearing No.C-77, North by: Industrial Shed bearing No.C-58, South by: Service Road.

H.S. Ramamurthy & Associates

Advocates
No. 27/31, Opp. 10th Cross, Cubbonpet, Main Road, Cubbonpet, Bangalore. Mobile: 98451 43642

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have entered into an Agreement of Sale dated 21-02-2020 with its owner Sri. F. Sandesh Vijahar, to purchase the schedule property. The owner purchased the schedule property by way of a Sale Deed dated 05-06-2004 executed by Mr. S. Somasundarapada and his wife Mrs. R. Sathyaesri, vide registered document No. KRI-1-05899-2004-05. The owner has misplaced the Allotment Letter dated 30-09-1992 issued by BDA and hence he has obtained certified copy of the same on 10-03-2020. After purchase, my clients intend to mortgage the schedule property in favour of SBI to avail loan. If any person/s or financial institutions having any objections claims, right, title, interest in respect of the schedule property may file their objections with the undersigned in the above address along with the documentary proof within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, he will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereafter.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property i.e., VACANT SITE bearing New Municipal No.48C-123, PID No.84-138-48C-123, situated at East of NGEF Layout (Kasturinagar) formed by the BDA, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 9.15 mtrs and North to South: 12.20 mtrs, in all measuring 111.63 sq mtrs and bounded as under:
East by: Site bearing No. 48C-125
West by: Site bearing No. 48C-121
North by: Site bearing No. 48C-124
South by: 4th B Cross Road.

Sri. Rohit R. Desai, Advocate, Manu Law Chambers, No. 948/1, 2nd Main Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010. Place: Bangalore, Dated: 03.06.2020

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, S. SANDEEP, S/o. B. Saravanan, Aged about 22 years, R/at No. 113, Ground Floor, Geddalahalli, K. Narayanapura, Aishwarya Enclave, Bengaluru-560 077, hereby submit that both the names S. SANDEEP and B.S. SANDEEP CHETTIAR refer to one and the same person i.e. myself only. Hereinafter I shall be called by the name B.S. SANDEEP CHETTIAR. Vide affidavit dated 03-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ambreshappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SYED RIYAZ, aged major, S/o. Late Hamid, residing at No. 1316, Alam Nagar, Venkateshpuram, Arabic College Post, Bengaluru - 560 045, have changed my name from K. RIYAZ PASHA to SYED RIYAZ. Vide affidavit dated 02-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary I. Kanikha Raja, Bengaluru.

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I, S. SANDEEP, S/o. B. Saravanan, Aged about 22 years, R/at No. 113, Ground Floor, Geddalahalli, K. Narayanapura, Aishwarya Enclave, Bengaluru-560 077, hereby submit that both the names S. SANDEEP and B.S. SANDEEP CHETTIAR refer to one and the same person i.e. myself only. Hereinafter I shall be called by the name B.S. SANDEEP CHETTIAR. Vide affidavit dated 03-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ambreshappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHAITRA K, D/o. P.N. Krishnamurthy, R/at No. 111, 3rd Main, Near Kamalanagar WOC Gruhalakshmi Layout, 2nd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru - 560079 have changed my name to CHYTRA K vide affidavit dated 02/06/2020 before notary M.K. Devaki, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ADHILAKSHMI, W/o Gopal, residing at No.17, Gowdanapalya, Bangalore - 560061, have changed my name as LAKSHMI. I have executed Affidavit dated 02/06/2020 sworn before notary G. Dakshinani at Bangalore. I shall be known as LAKSHMI for all purposes in future.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHARATHI L D/o R. Lingaiah, aged about 31 Years, resident of No. 331, 3rd Cross, Gopalappa Layout, Library Road, Talaghattapura, Bangalore-560062, have changed my name as RACHITHA vide affidavit dated 01.06.2020, before Notary K.P. Ramesh Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

S. S. PURUSHOTHAMAN S/o R. Srinivasanarashimhan, age 43 years, R/o No. 3541, 1st Cross, 2nd Stage, Gayathrinagar, 'A' Block, Bengaluru-21 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from SHREYAS NARAYANAN to SHREYAS NARAYANAN PURUSHOTHAMAN, henceforth he shall be known and called as SHREYAS NARAYANAN PURUSHOTHAMAN only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 2-6-2020, sworn before J.M. UMESHA MURTHY at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VISHAL REDDY .R, S/o Raghavendra Reddy, R/a No. 117, Old Water Tank Road, Madayanakanahalli, Madavara Post, Bangalore North Taluk, changed my name from R. NAVEEN to VISHAL REDDY R., vide affidavit dated 03-06-2020, before Notary H.R. KRISHNA, Nelamangala.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GEETHA MADIRAJU, W/o Mr. Vijay Kumar, age 52 years, R/o No. 89, Woodland Avenue, Eagle Ridge Residential Layout, Begur Koppa Road, Begur Chikka Kammanahalli, Bengaluru-560 114, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from GEETHA MADIRAJU to GEETHA MADIRAJU, henceforth I shall be known and called as GEETHA MADIRAJU only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3rd June 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary Aravind Pali G.G. at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MADHAVI NIMADE, Residing at No. 7, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Near Muneshwara Temple, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560020, have changed my name to (NEW NAME) MARIYAM vide affidavit Dated 02/06/2020 sworn before Notary V.Ranga Ramu, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMMED YOUNUS MADINI, Residing at No. 12/A, 16th Cross, Noor Layout, Rashad Nagar, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name to (NEW NAME) MOHAMMED YOUNUS vide affidavit Dated 02/06/2020 sworn before Notary Mohamed Sayeed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMMED ANIS, Residing at No. 12/A, 16th Cross, Noor Layout, Rashad Nagar, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name to (NEW NAME) MOHAMMED ANEES vide affidavit Dated 02/06/2020 sworn before Notary Mohamed Sayeed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMED MASEEHULLA KHAN, R/a No. 6, 4th Cross, 1st Main Road, MD Block, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru-560018, have changed my name to MOHAMMED MASEEH ULLA KHAN vide affidavit Dated 03/06/2020 before Notary N. Nagappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 15332557L L/NK Dasari Ramarao have changed my Mother name from ACHACHIAMYAMMA to DASARI ACHIAMYAMMA and DOB from 01/07/1955 to 07/07/1950 vide affidavit Dated 20/05/2020 sworn before Notary N.Akku Naidu Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHENDRA RAJU, S/o Jayarao, resident of no 1-166, Nathananpalli, Tarlupadu (Mandalam, Mangala Kunta, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh-523371, have changed my name to THANGIRALA MAHENDRA RAJU, vide affidavit dated 03-06-2020 before Notary Leela Bengaluru,

THANKSGIVING

Thank you for blessings and favours granted. Seek your blessings always' PUNIT, SHOBHA, NARESH

THANKSGIVING

Grateful thanks for all the Blessings and Favours received. Bless us always. RICHARD FLORENCE AND FAMILY

SAINT JUDE PRAYER

O Holy St. Jude! Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor for all who invoke thee, special patron in time of need; to thee I have recourse from the depths of my heart, and humbly beg thee, to whom God hath given such great power, to come to my assistance; help me now in my urgent need and grant my earnest petition. I will never forget thy graces and the favours thou dost obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to thee, Amen. ANITHA, SAGAY AND TINA FAMILY

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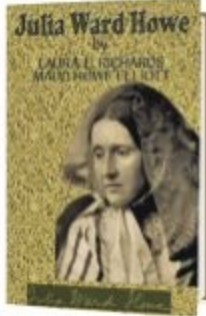
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DAY'S DIARY

First Pulitzer prize

On this day in 1917, Laura Richards, Maud Elliott and Florence Hall were named the recipients of the first Pulitzer Prize for biography for *Julia Ward Howe 1819-1910*

SISTER ACT

Richards, Elliott and Hall were sisters, born in Boston. They were the daughters of Julia Ward Howe, the subject of their award-winning book. Richards and Elliott authored the book and were assisted by Hall



INITIATION

The Pulitzer Prize was established in 1917 by provisions in the will of American publisher Joseph Pulitzer and is administered by Columbia University in New York City



FAMOUS AUTHOR

Julia Ward Howe is best known for writing *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. She also wrote the famed Mother's Day Proclamation

Karabu song from Pogaru to get a Telugu version

PG 4

Monika Monalisa

One man's trash is another man's treasure. This definitely holds true in the case of Bengalureans who take scraps of waste and turn them into masterpieces. This World Environment Day, which falls on June 5, these artists speak about the origin of their art and how they use it to spread awareness about the green cause.

Separately, hose pipes, wood, air vents and CDs are not something you would look at twice. But in an installation by Nicole Rodriguez, all these items come together in a seamless manner to create a garden. "The idea was to give out a message that it's easy to replace things, but do people know where all the discarded things go?" says Rodriguez, who works as a creative designer for a marketing company. A mandatory clause by her adds a more nuanced layer of meaning to the creation. "You have to wear a gas mask to enter the garden. This is to show how toxic human carbon footprint is," she adds.

Rodriguez, who has a Masters in sculpture making from Chitrakala Parishath, gets most of her supplies from KR Market, which is like a "fun fair" for her. While some do call her art unpolished, she isn't too bothered by such comments. "I want to shake people up from the bubble they live in and wake them up to the reality of things. If this continues, our future will be bleak," says the 27-year-old who has previously created a 120kg dolphin out of discarded CDs.

Agrees Rahul KP, who is known for his steam punk art. He says, "It's basically art inspired from industrial revolution, where the main material is metal scrap." Rahul's go-to hub for material is Shivajinagar. "I started to do this kind of art work to upcycle discarded material. But it's nice to see others also come up with installations to create awareness about the environment," says 32-year-old Ra-

PARTS OF A WHOLE

These city artists make you think twice about what you chuck into the dustbin



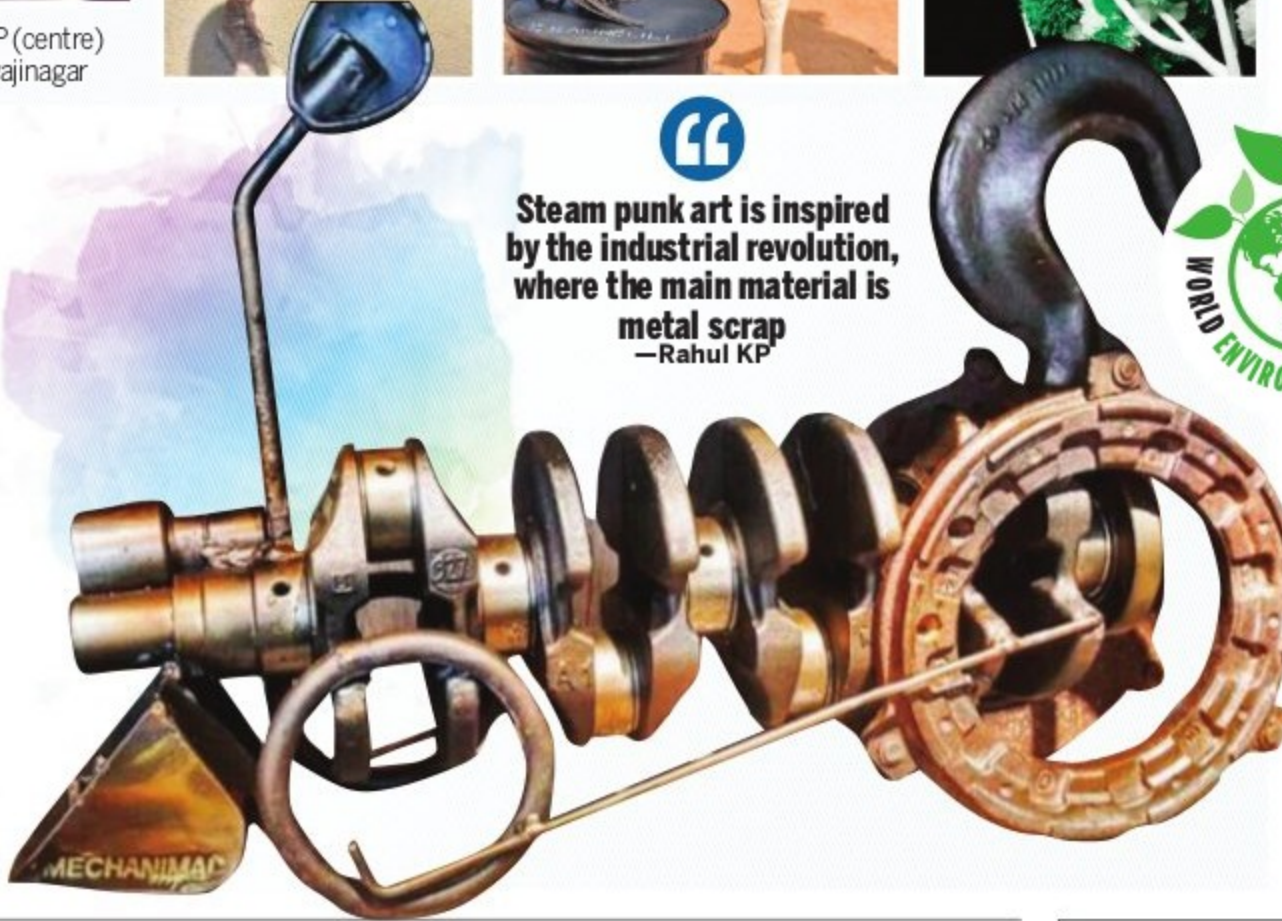
(L-R) Scrap metal art by Rahul KP (centre) who sources material from Shivajinagar



(Above) A dolphin Nicole Rodriguez made out of discarded CDs; artwork by Binoj Balakrishna (below)



Steam punk art is inspired by the industrial revolution, where the main material is metal scrap —Rahul KP



Making a sound creation

Express Features

Potters across Karnataka, wood crafters from Channarayana and women artisans from a SHG in Jigni – designer **Suvarna Kamakshi's** creation, a Terracotta Mobile Amplifier, will see a small revival of artists across the state. On the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5, Kamakshi has combined the principles of design and art to come up with this innovation. Use of clay makes it environmentally sustainable, while the handmade amplifier makes each piece unique. "It uses the principles of acoustics for amplification and does not use electricity, hence reducing the consumption of electricity in comparison to its more popularly used alternative – the bluetooth speaker," says Kamakshi, the co-founder of Tamaala, a social arts organisation that supports livelihoods of over 145 village and tribal artisans, across 40 regions in India.

Designed for contemporary use since it amplifies the sound emitted from the mobile phone, they are appealing to the younger generation to show the possibilities that exist beyond machine-made electronics. "For us, in a world that is full of automation and machine-made products and reduced need for human employment, something like this is a way to get people to discover the possibilities in the handmade," she says.

Kamakshi goes on to explain that the acoustic amplifier made of pond clay, which retails for ₹499, is designed to be aesthetic as well as effective for a home/office or small picnic setting. "The bangle enables balancing.



The terracotta amplifier has hand-made art that varies in each piece

It is made using 'green wood' from sustainable forests and natural lac turned and coloured," she says, adding that the amplifier is available in four colours – red, terracotta, blue and black – and has hand worked art that varies from piece to piece.

Pointing out the cons herself, she says that though the amplification is not as much as a bluetooth speaker, it does amplify sufficiently for a small space outdoors (like a picnic spot) or in a closed space like the living room of a home or an office conference room.

With potters having lost the summer season due to lockdown, co-founder Vinay Prashant says an innovation like this will generate multiple jobs for artisans across clusters. "Consumers would be generating livelihoods for three types of artisans in three regions of Karnataka, namely Ramanagara, Channarayana and Raichur," he appeals.

He goes on to add that this creation is a perfect example of using simple science to create something which meets all the needs of the hour – achieving sustainability goals, empowering and protecting rural livelihoods, enabling the merging of indigenous art and craft into mainstream economy, promoting handmade as the future of a stable circular economy and, of course, preserving and promoting traditional art forms of the country.



BRANCHING OUT

An artwork lies juxtaposed against a lush green tree in the city. The picture was taken on a Nikon D40 camera. • Hayavadana Rao

CITY READ

Bank launches new vertical

SBI has created a separate FI&MM vertical within the bank with a focus on financial inclusion and micro markets, specially in rural and semiurban areas to vastly improve customer experience for the citizens in the hinterland. Under this newly launched vertical, the bank will offer loans predominantly for agriculture and allied activities and micro/small enterprises.

'I decided to reinvent myself'

Express Features

Anupam Kher can be said to have become a calling card for Indian cinema in Hollywood. The actor who has been part of several Hollywood films, including *Silver Lining Playbook*, *The Big Sick*, and *You Will Meet A Tall Dark Stranger*, is now playing a lead role in a popular series called *New Amsterdam*. In a chat arranged as part of Express Expressions, a series of webinars organised by The New Indian Express group, Anupam Kher shared his experience working on Indian and Hollywood ventures with Prabhu Chawla, the Editorial Director of The New Indian Express, and senior journalist Kaveri Bamzai.

The conversation began with Anupam sharing his experience of working in the American series, *New Amsterdam*, in which he plays a lead role named Dr Vijay Kapoor. The veteran revealed that one of the episodes came quite close to depicting the reality of the ongoing pandemic. "We shot the episode even before WHO declared the pandemic. In fact, I was the focus of the episode. The aspects in the 18th episode of the series were eerily similar to what's happening now. The pandemic then got announced and we had to call off the shooting for the next episode. After I came back to India, I was told they are not releasing the episode because it rang too close to reality. I am glad that it was deleted because people would have thought we were cashing in on the pandemic," he said.

On being an Indian actor in America, he said, "It is great to get recognised on the streets of the US. Many Americans come up to me and say they wished they knew a medical professional like Dr. Kapoor. Indians there are proud of me, and are more Indian



than people here. They are conscious of our culture. I am part of their households and thrilled about it."

Anupam also revealed why he wanted a career in the US despite being an icon in India. He said the tag 'veteran actor' bothered him: "There is so much talent left in me. So, I wanted to reinvent myself. I was not carrying the burden of being Anupam Kher there. I wanted to be a newcomer once again."

When asked if Anupam felt that the film industry is divided along religious lines, the actor said, "I think that the division started when 70 people from the film industry wrote a letter saying Modi should not be Prime Minister of the country. That is when the divide started."

When asked why the politically-vocal actor has not turned a full-time politician despite getting numerous opportunities from several parties including the BJP, he said, "I am not interested. Right now, I am a voice of truth for a certain number of people. But the moment I become a member of the party, I become its spokesperson." Also, he admitted that the actor in him is more dominant than the politician.

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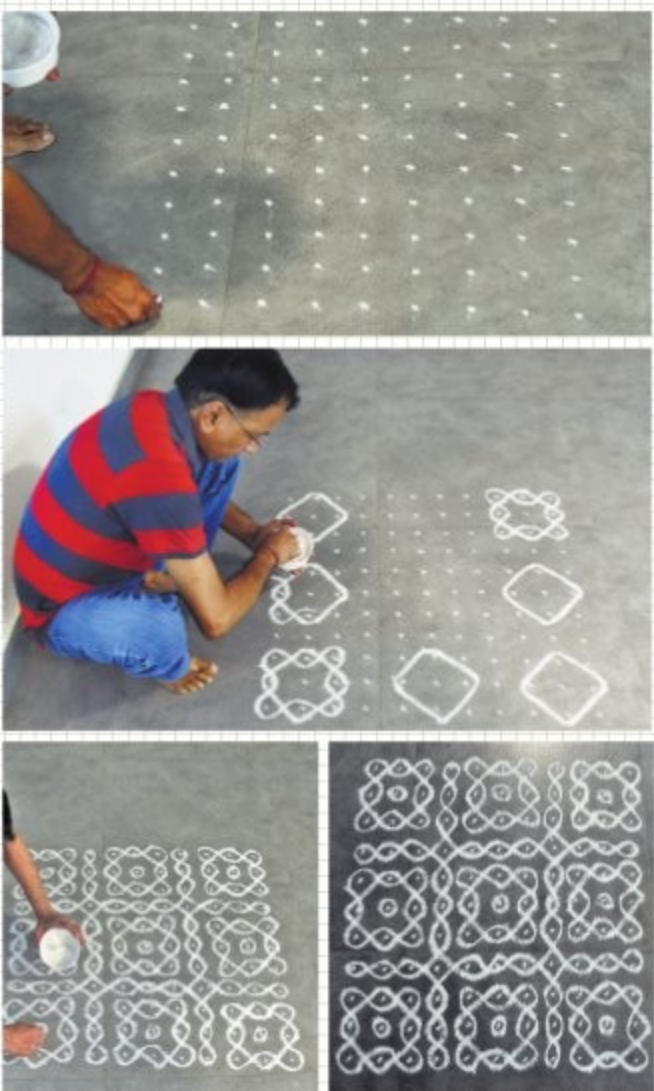
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SIKKU KOLAM

BY S RAMAKRISHNAN

- This is a 11x11 kolam.
- First, a 3x3 dots is taken and a pattern is formed.
- Similarly, the eight set of 3x3 is taken leaving a row of dots in between.
- After completing the design for all the eight, the one in the middle 3x3 is also complete.
- Now, there will be nine independent patterns. To complete the kolam, the left out dots are connected using a crisscross line till all the dots are connected.
- Sikku kolam involves laying a pattern of dots. The dots are connected with lines to form a design. You can draw using a chalk piece as well.

KOLAM CORNER



BRIGHT SPOT

AT HOME AND HELPING!

Be it Chennai or Delhi, migrant labourers on a mass exodus have found plenty of help from concerned civilians. In Mumbai – the coronavirus hotspot – help comes in the form of homemade food packets from this 99-year-old woman. She has found much love among netizens after Zahid F Ebrahim, a Supreme Court advocate in Pakistan, shared a video of her packing rotis and sabzi in aluminium foil.



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• Available on: Android & iOS

FIT BIT

CHATURANGA DANDASANA (FOUR-LIMBED STAFF POSE)

Chaturanga Dandasana is one of the most well-known Ashtanga yoga poses. The name is derived from the Sanskrit words chatur (four), anga (limb), danda (staff) and asana (pose). Chaturanga is a common posture in vinyasa yoga classes, also called flow yoga, as it is a transition pose between the plank and upward-facing dog. It is a good posture to help students learn how to balance effort and surrender in the posture. In turn, seeking this balance can teach concentration and focus or dharana. It may challenge those who lack self-belief and overcome such negative self-perceptions as this pose is believed to stimulate the manipura chakra, which promotes confidence and self-esteem.

STEPS

- First, take a position of downward facing Adho Mukha Svanasana and then come into plank pose, noting that shoulder bones are pushed immovably against the back, and the tailbone is pushed towards the pubis.
- Keep arms fully extended and keep spine completely erect.
- Breathe out, bend elbows and keep lower body towards the ground but without touching it; stop at a point few inches away from the ground.
- Keep body parallel to the ground, and the hips straight. Turn legs inward in this position.
- Elbows ought not to be spread outwards but rather be pushed back downwards towards the heel.
- Make sure that the neck is in line with the rest of the body and press the base of forefingers to the ground.
- Remain in this position for around 10-30 seconds; then, breathe out and rest gently on the floor.
- Repeat this process for three to six times.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens arms, wrists and abdomen.
- Gives strength to the core abdominal muscles
- Beneficial for people suffering from back problems as it strengthens the back muscles.
- Boosts flexibility, balance and stability.
- Makes triceps and biceps strong.
- Tones the abdomen.

LIMITATIONS

- People with carpal tunnel syndrome, or injury to the shoulder, elbow or wrist, should avoid this.
- Pregnant women should avoid the full version of the pose; they can instead just practise the plank pose.
- Always work within own range of limits and abilities. In case of medical concerns, consult a yoga expert.

— By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



CLASSIC COMEBACK

DEVON KE DEV... MAHADEV

Lord Shiva is an ascetic. However, he falls in love with Sati, the granddaughter of Lord Brahma, and becomes a householder as their relationship shapes the universe.

• Cast: Mohit Raina, Mouni Roy • Watch on: Star Plus

• Monday to Sunday at 9.30 pm

SHRIKANT

Raj Lakshmi nurses Shrikant to health when he is affected by plague. During a voyage to Burma, he meets Abhaya, who is abandoned by her husband.

• Cast: Farooq Sheikh, Irfan Khan, Tiku Talsania, Mrinal Kulkarni

• Watch on: DD National • Daily at: 3.30 pm

BUNIYAAD

A saga of an upper middle class Punjabi family from Lahore and its four generations spanning over 50 years from the 1920s to the 1950s with many interesting sub plots.

• Cast: Alok Nath, Anita Kanwar, Dalip Tahil

• Watch on: DD National • Daily at: 10.30 pm

FLOP SHOW

Actor Jaspal Bhatti and his team of comedians present a satirical take on various societal issues through skits and sketches.

• Watch on: DD National • Time: 6 pm every day

UPANISHAD GANGA

The show shares the knowledge of Upanishads explaining its meaning in the modern context through stories.

• Cast: Dwaraka Prasad

• Watch on: DD Bharati • Daily at: 6 pm

CHANAKYA

The series is a fictionalised version of the life-history of economist, strategist and political theorist, Chanakya, who was also the royal advisor of King Chandragupta Maurya.

• Cast: Chandraprakash Dwivedi, Dinesh Shahul, Surendra Pal

• Watch on: DD National • Daily at: 5 pm

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KIRATHAKA

Nandeesha, a gambler and drinker, falls in love with Netra, who belongs to a rival village. He then decides to elope with her but has to deal with the rivalry between their communities.

• Cast: Yash, Divya

JAANU

Siddarth helps Rukmini reach home when she runs out of money on a trip. Rukmini's family attack Siddarth, but welcome him after learning the truth. Both fall in love, but a surprise awaits them.

• Cast: Yash, Deepa Sannidhi, Rangayana Raghu

SIPAYI

Sipayi, who fights for the welfare of the people in his village, falls in love with Shanti. When she is forced to marry a criminal, he tries to change her fate.

• Cast: Ravishandran, Soundarya, Chiranjeevi

PATTIYAL

Two best friends Kosi and Selvam are contract killers who are given targets by Sami. They fall in love, but their profession becomes a hurdle and the two cannot lead normal lives.

• Cast: Arya, Bharath, Padmapriya



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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS



1 DON'T KILL YOUR LANGUAGE BY SUZANNE TALHOUK

More and more, English is a global language. But – what do we lose when we leave behind our mother tongues? Suzanne Talhouk makes an impassioned case to love your own language, and to cherish what it can express that no other language can. In Arabic with subtitles.



2 WHAT ALMOST DYING TAUGHT ME ABOUT LIVING BY SULEIKA JAOUAD

"The hardest part of my cancer experience began once the cancer was gone," says author Suleika Jaouad. In this fierce talk, she challenges us to think beyond the divide between "sick" and "well," asking: How do you find meaning after life is interrupted?



3 THE FIRST 20 HOURS – HOW TO LEARN ANYTHING BY JOSH KAUFMAN

Josh Kaufman specialises in teaching people how to master practical knowledge and skills. In his talk, he shares how having his first child inspired him to approach learning in a whole new way.



4 HOW TREES TALK TO EACH OTHER BY SUZANNE SIMARD

Ecologist Suzanne Simard's 30 years of research in Canadian forests have led to an astounding discovery – trees talk, often and over vast distances. Learn more about the harmonious yet complicated social lives of trees.



5 WHY YOU SHOULD MAKE USELESS THINGS BY SIMONE GIERTZ

In this joyful talk featuring demos of her wonderfully wacky creations, Simone Giertz shares her craft: making useless robots. Her inventions rarely (if ever) succeed, and that's the point. "The true beauty of making useless things [is] this acknowledgment that you don't always know what the best answer is," Giertz says.

REGIONAL



MOODAR KOODAM (Tamil)

Four strangers come together to rob the house of a wealthy man. However, when they reach his doorstep, they are taken aback to know that the man is bankrupt.

• Cast: Naveen, Anupama Kumar, Sendrayan, Rajaj, Jaya Prakash

• Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

• Registration: ₹ 399 per year



AMBILI (Malayalam)

Ambili, a naive and wide-eyed young man, is adored by everyone for his quirky traits. He hopes to marry his childhood love, Tina, and restore the lost bond with his friend and Tina's brother, Bobby.

• Cast: Tanvi Ram, Soubin Shahir, Naveen

• Watch on: Amazon Prime

• Registration: ₹ 129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.



MANICHRATHAZHU (Malayalam)

Nakulan and his family move into his supposedly haunted ancestral property. However, when his cousin starts behaving uncharacteristically, Nakulan enlists the help of his psychiatrist friend.

• Cast: Shobana, Mohanlal, Sridhar, Vinaya Prasad

• Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

• Registration: ₹ 399 per year



KANNAD GOTHILLA (Kannada)

A psychological thriller which throws light on the issues happening in Namma Bengaluru, resulting in non-Kannadigas in the city going amiss. To investigate the missing people, a senior crime inspector is appointed and her techniques of investigation are highlighted.

• Cast: Haripriya, Sudhanani

• Watch on: Amazon Prime

• Registration: ₹ 129 per month



VEPPAM (Tamil)

Kartik, raised in the slums by his brother, is an engineering student. His father Jothi, who abandoned his family years ago, takes advantage of Kartik's friend, Vishnu, for a drug peddling assignment.

• Cast: Nani, Karthik Kumar, Nithya Menen, Bindu Madhavi

• Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

• Registration: ₹ 399 per year

BADLA (Hindi)

Naina, a successful entrepreneur and married woman, gets caught in a web of accusations when her lover is found dead. She then hires a reputable lawyer to work with her on the case and find answers.

• Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Amitabh Bachchan, Tony Luke, Amrita Singh

• Watch on: Netflix

• Registration: ₹ 199 per month

STREE (Hindi)

The people of Chanderi live under constant fear of Stree, the spirit of a woman who attacks men at night during festivals. Vicky, along with his friends, decides to unravel the mystery.

• Cast: Rajkumar Rao, Shraddha Kapoor, Flora Saini

• Watch on: Netflix

• Registration: ₹ 199 per month



ENGLISH/FOREIGN

OSLO, AUGUST 31ST (Norwegian)

Explores day in the life of Anders, an recovering drug addict. Reaching the end of a treatment course at a rehab centre, Anders is clean and has a day's leave in Oslo to go to a job interview and see old friends, where he takes stock of himself and his situation.

• Cast: Anders Danielsen Lie, Iselin Steiro, Johanne Kjellevik Ledang

• Watch on: Mubi

• Registration: ₹ 499 per month

OLLA (French)

Olla is a 2019 drama film, written and directed by Ariane Labed, starring Romana Lobach, and Grégoire Tachnakian. It follows Olla, a woman from eastern Europe, who responded to an advertisement on a dating site. She moves in with Pierre who lives with his old mother in a suburb in France. But nothing goes as planned.

• Cast: Romana Lobach, Grégoire Tachnakian, Jenny Bellay

• Watch on: Mubi • Registration: ₹ 499 per month

THE MATRIX (English)

Thomas Anderson, a computer programmer, is led to fight an underground war against powerful computers who have constructed his entire reality with a system called the Matrix.

• Cast: Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne, Hugo Weaving

• Watch on: Netflix • Registration: ₹ 199 per month

DEAD TO ME (English)

Jen's husband recently died in a hit-and-run, and the sardonic widow is determined to solve the crime. Optimistic free spirit Judy has recently suffered a tragic loss of her own. The ladies meet at a support group and, despite their polar-opposite personalities, become unlikely friends. As the women bond over bottles of wine and a shared affinity for "The Facts of Life," Judy tries to shield Jen from a shocking secret that could destroy her life as she knows it.

• Cast: Christina Applegate, Linda Cardellini, James Marsden

• Watch on: Netflix

• Registration: ₹ 199 per month



NEER URUNDAI

INGREDIENTS

- Rice flour: 1 cup
- Onion: 1, medium-sized
- Garlic: 6-7 pods
- Urad dal: 1 tablespoon
- Mustard seeds: 1 teaspoon
- Oil: 2 teaspoons
- Sambar chilli powder: 1 tablespoon (more if you want it spicier)
- Turmeric powder: a pinch
- Salt to taste
- Curry leaves to taste

METHOD

- In a bowl, add rice flour, half a glass of hot water and mix. Pour the water in little by little so that the dough does not get sticky.
- Make tiny, evenly-sized balls. Rubbing oil on the palm and fingers would keep the dough from sticking to your hands.
- In a pot, pour two spoons of oil and temper the mustard seeds and urad dal. Smash the garlic pods, add it to the pan, along with the chopped onion, and saute.
- After a minute or two, pour in two glasses of water. Add one tablespoon of sambar chilli powder and turmeric powder.
- When the water comes to a boil,

add the rice flour balls.

- After a minute, simmer the flame and let it cook with the lid on. Stir once or twice.
- After 5-10 minutes, check if the rice balls are cooked. Then, add the curry leaves and oil.
- Serve hot.

— By Malarkuzhali Sivakumar, Chennai



QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

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Folk artistes like those pursuing string puppeteering have been left struggling



Puppeteer Gunduraju, known for leather puppets, has been out of work for two months

Folk in focus

As rural performers look at a bleak future ahead in this time of crisis, mainstream artistes are looking at ways to bail them out

• Vidya Iyengar

A third-generation leather puppeteer, Gunduraju grew up watching his father and grandfather retelling the Ramayana and Mahabharata through puppetry. So it was only natural for him to follow in the footsteps. Today, amid the lockdown, the 61-year-old finds that life has come to a standstill. "I don't know anything else. I haven't earned a single rupee in the last two months," says Gunduraju from Hassan, who used to go from village to village depicting epics. "People would give us kilos of ration and the wealthier ones would tip us with cash," says Gunduraju who has travelled across the world to showcase his art form.

This is the plight of rural folk artistes in Karnataka, who are involved in art forms such as Jogathi Nritya, Jaggalige and Pudigi Nritya. They are struggling to make a living on the traditional art that they have been tried to save from fading into oblivion. Radhabai who plays the Chowdki Pada, recalls her days when shows would come by a couple of times a month. "We have been doing this

and will continue to sing along for the rest of our lives," says a hopeful Radhabai. Adapting to the digital medium to share her story, Padmavati from the Halakki tribe of Uttara Kannada participated in a webinar organised by Native Picture. The folk storyteller sings epic songs from tribal Ramayana and Mahabharata.

Dancer Madhu Nataraj, director, Natya Institute of Kathak and Choreography, has taken to crowd-funding to help them. Nataraj believes that this is in her 'genetic memory', with her father MS Natarajan taking folk artistes on tours, and her mother Dr Maya Rao working on integrating them into mainstream.

"We are looking at a two-pronged approach - we had held a dance conference last month in support of the ritualistic performers of Karnataka, and are also raising money on a crowd-funding platform. With no state support and meagre-to-no savings, they face a bleak future," says the founder of STEM Dance Kampni about the fund-raiser which also saw participation from prominent artistes such as Mahesh Dattani and Anita Ratnam.

The conference supports 10 families of these artistes for five months, with some funds already having been dispatched. With the help of folk researcher Sneha Kappanna, 10 families that need help with essentials have been identified. "The budget for this endeavour is ₹6 lakh," she says. According to Anupama Hoskere, founder-director Dhaatu Puppet Theatre, the mood of the rural folk is anxious. "When there's no peace of mind, the creativity which is required for these forms does not flow," says Hoskere. "It's time for traditional art to also go digital. This is possible even in villages because almost every person has access to internet." She adds that for any art to thrive, artistes need to interact with the public. "However, artistes also have to be proactive and have an equal role in keeping their art alive," she says.



A woman from Halakki tribe sings songs from tribal Ramayana and Mahabharata



It's time for traditional art to also go digital. This is possible even in villages now because almost every person has access to internet

— Anupama Hoskere, founder, Dhaatu Puppet Theatre

CITY READ



Pedal power

Puneeth Rajkumar found a catchy way to appeal to his fans to cycle more. The Power Star posted a song on his Instagram, from Dr Rajkumar's film, where the actor is seen cycling. He said, "Let's pledge to pedal more this World Bicycle Day". While it brought back fond memories, fans couldn't help but enquire about his upcoming movie *Yuvarathnaa*, which stars Sayyeshaa, Raadhika Sharatkumar, Prakash Raj and Dhananjay.

Personal care kits distributed to medic drivers

Shell India has reached out to various groups in Karnataka like frontline workers, migrants and daily wage earners, customers and their employees to support them. In Bengaluru, the retailers in association with Shell Fleet Solutions team, have distributed personal care kits, consisting of sanitisers, disinfectants and Vitamin-C boosters, to Uber Medic drivers.



URBAN BOURBON
Hriday Ranjan
Writer, comedian

If you told me at the beginning of the year that 2020 would go down in the annals of history as one of the worst years, I would scoff at you as a pessimist of the highest order. When the year crept up on us unsuspectingly, the mood was one of positivity and cheer.

There is something about the beginning of a new decade that makes us set unrealistic targets for ourselves. Yours Truly fell for the hype too. While I usually stay away from New Year resolutions, I allowed myself the luxury of making a few for myself. I would use the beginning of the new decade to make myself healthy, wealthy, and wise. Of course, it's a different matter that I put in no effort to ensure I was early to bed, or early to rise. But a new decade brings with it new possibilities, I told myself, and decided that 2020 would be the best year of my life. Little did I know that others had made the same decision - viruses, locusts, and mother nature!

If 2020 was tried in court, it would find it hard to defend itself. How does one justify riots across the world, a virus that has affected 6million people with no cure in sight, economies crashing to the ground, and natural calamities?

Is 2020 REALLY THE WORST YEAR?

But if one were to peek into history, how does 2020 hold when compared to other disastrous years?

Take, for example, the Bubonic plague - a repeat offender that wiped off millions of people in the 6th, 14th and 18th century, at a time when there existed no media and information, and scientific temper was restricted to praying to god to help people survive. If we move closer home, India witnessed three catastrophic famines in 1769, 1789, and 1791, where an estimated 30 million people died out of hunger. Is it possible to quantify death and destruction of tragedies caused by humans - like the Holocaust or the atomic bombing of Japan? Probably not.

If anything, we in 2020 have access to media and information. We are able to alert each other about the dangers that are coming, and sharing resources related to preparedness. There's also the other fact that tragedy

is personal, and through many parts of my life, I concluded that a particular year was the worst year, ever.

As a child, no year could be more tragic than 1992. It was the year my parents dropped me off at school, assuring me that I'd be back home in a week. Our teachers played along for a few days, only to break the news that we would only go home after a year, when the academic year ended. The sense of betrayal I felt was beyond any grief I have felt ever since. Then there was the year 2000, when I ungraciously entered my teens. It was a year when I had only two reasons to survive - cricket and Madhuri Dixit. The latter would effectively retire from acting in 2000, and my favourite cricketers were accused in a match-fixing scandal. If I wrote this column back then, I would have undoubtedly called 2000 the worst year to be alive.

So perhaps it makes no sense to indulge in name-calling. Let us all give 2020 a few more chances. Even if the world seems to be burning all around us, perhaps the second half of 2020 could make a dramatic turnaround. This a leap year, after all. Maybe what it needs is a leap of faith from our side!



IT TASTES LIKE SUMMER

TENDER COCONUT POPSICLES BY SUNDARI VIJAY

Ingredients:

Tender coconut flesh: 1 cup, Fresh cream: 1 cup, Milk: 1/2 cup, Condensed milk: 1/2 cup, Sugar: 1/2 cup, Vanilla essence: 1 tsp

Method:

- Remove the flesh from tender coconut and clean it.
- Add the flesh in a mixer jar and grind it to a paste.
- Now add rest of the ingredients and grind in the same jar for a minute.
- Transfer the ground mix to kulfi or popsicle moulds and pop the sticks.
- Freeze them at least for eight hours or overnight. While removing, dip the moulds in tap water and pull gently.
- Enjoy this delicious dessert for lunch on a sunny day.



ICE APPLE PANNA COTTA BY SUNDARI VIJAY

Ingredients

Ice apple/ Nungu: 4, Fresh cream: 1 cup, Milk: 1/2 cup, Sugar: 3/4 cup, Gelatin: 1.5 tbsp, Water: 2 tbsp, Vanilla essence: 1 tsp, Dried rose petals and pistachio for garnishing.

Method:

- Clean the ice apple and remove the skin. Grind it coarsely in a mixer.
- In a small bowl, mix water and gelatin and let it sit for a few minutes.
- In a saucepan, add cream, milk and sugar and mix well till the sugar dissolves completely.
- Bring this mixture to a gentle boil and turn off the heat. Add gelatin mixture and mix well.
- Now, add ground ice apple and vanilla essence. Mix well and transfer into glasses.
- Refrigerate for two-three hours. Garnish with rose petals and crushed pistachios.
- Enjoy this simple and classic French dessert with the taste of our local ice apple.



MANGO SRIRACHA HUMMUS BY MONIKA MANCHANDA

Ingredients

Mango chopped: 1 cup, Chickpeas boiled/canned: 1.5 cup, Sriracha sauce: 2 tbsp, Sesame seeds: 2 tbsp, Paprika powder: 1 tsp, Olive oil: 2 tbsp, Lemon juice: 2 tsp, Salt to taste

Method

- Grind all the ingredients together in a blender till smooth.
- Use a few cubes of ice to make the hummus creamier.
- Serve with nachos, lavash or on toasted bread.

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A SPECIAL VIDEO FROM TEAM 777 CHARLIE FOR RAKSHIT SHETTY'S BIRTHDAY



A still from 777 Charlie

CE Features

Kiranraj, who is associated with Rakshit Shetty for 777 Charlie is coming up with a special video, to be unveiled on the actor's birthday, which he celebrates on June 6. The debutant director aims to give an introduction to Rakshit's characterisation, and a glimpse of Charlie through this upcoming video. 777 Charlie, presented by Pushkar Films is jointly produced by Rakshit Shetty and G S Gupta under the banner of Paramvah Studios.

After Avane Srimannarayana, this will be another film for Rakshit Shetty which looks to make a pan-India appeal as 777 Charlie (made in Kannada) will also be dubbed and released in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi. The film will also feature Raj B Shetty and Sangeetha Sringeri and is left with 30 day schedule of shooting, including the climax sequences. In the meantime, the director is now completing the post-production for the portions which have been shot. 777 Charlie has music by Nobin Paul, cinematography by Aravind Kashyap and editing by Prateek Shetty.

Apart from this, the makers of Sapta Sagaradaache Yello, are coming up with the poster. The film, brings together director Hemanth M Rao, producer Pushkar Mallikarjuniah and Rakshit Shetty for the second time after Godhi Banna Sadharana Mykattu. This project which Rakshit plans to commence with has music director, Charan Raj and cinematographer Advaita Gurumurthy onboard.



Anupam Kher announces digital launch of his play

CE Features

Earlier today, Anupam Kher announced his dream project on his own digital portal. The actor has announced the digital launch of his play Kuch Bhi Ho Sakhta Hai on his website - www.theanupamkher.com.

The play will premiere from June 7 on the actor's website. It is directed by Feroz Abbas Khan and depicts the actor's life lessons, triumphs and failures. Soon after the announcement, fans started trending 'Anupam Kher' on Twitter.

Now in the making, 1992 Once Upon a Time in Mangalore

Ajith Jayaraj will play gangster Amar Alva in Lokesh Shetty's directorial venture, which will also be produced by him



Ajith Jayaraj

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The underworld seems to have become an interesting subject for filmmakers. While R Chandru's Kabza, starring Upendra, portrays the life of a gangster, Rishab Shetty has also been in the news for playing the don, Amar Alva, in a film to be made by debutant director Nitesh. Now, yet another film based on Amar Alva is in the making. Producer Lokesh Shetty, who had earlier initiated a project on Kambala jockey Srinivas Gowda, has pushed the project to a later date and is all set to take up a subject around the yesteryear gangster. Lokesh Shetty, who is making the film under the banner of Lemon Grass Studios, has penned the story and is doubling as the director as well. Lokesh Shetty tells CE that he had planned a film on Amar Alva two years ago, and was waiting for everything to fall in place. "I had registered the title, 1992, with the Karnataka Film Chamber, with the tag line, Once Upon a Time in Mangalore. It will be based on true incidents," says the producer-director, who is planning to make a bilingual in Kannada and Hindi. "We have finalised MP Jayaraj's son, Ajith Jayaraj, to play the role of Amar Alva, along with Sushant Pujari and Tumul Balyan as part of the cast. We are in the process of zeroing in on the rest of the actors, and look forward to starting the shoot as soon as possible," he says. On the technical front, 1992 will have music composed by AT Ravish, while cinematography will be handled by Sapan Narula.

Sushmita Sen shares first glimpse of her upcoming web series Aarya

CE Features

Sushmita Sen is all set to make her acting comeback, and she has shared the first glimpse of her fierce avatar in the upcoming web series, Aarya. The actor, who was last seen in the 2015 Bengali film Nirbaak, shared the look on social media. Sharing a short video on Instagram, she wrote, "Aapne bu-laaya aur hum chale aaye!!"

"Now it's your turn to tell me, what you think Aarya is about? Tell me in the comments below and the lucky one who comes closest to guessing it right...goes live with me here on Instagram very soon," she added while asking fans to guess the premise of the show. In the video,



Sushmita Sen

Sushmita can be seen practicing aerial workout. Towards the end, the audience gets a glimpse of her fierce look. "To turn her world upside down. New home, new ropes!" she added, also revealing that the trailer of the show will be out on June 5.

Aarya is directed by Neeraj-maker Ram Madhvani. Other details about the show are currently under wraps. It is being reported that Aarya is a re-make of the Dutch crime thriller series, Penozo. It is about a widow who takes over her husband's organised crime business after he is killed, in lieu of turning into a state witness. The show will soon premiere on Disney+ Hotstar.

The bilingual film, featuring Dhruva Sarja and Rashmika Mandanna, has Bhaskarabhatla Ravi Kumar penning the lyrics and Anurag Singh lending his voice for the Telugu version



Dhruva Sarja

KARABUU SONG FROM POGARU TO GET A TELUGU VERSION

A Sharadhaa

Dhruva Sarja's Pogaru is making the right kind of noise, with Karabuu song becoming a sensation with over 31 million views. The makers are now getting ready with the Telugu version. The commercial entertainer is going to be a bilingual in Kannada and Telugu, and the team hopes that the energetic track featuring the Action Prince

and Rashmika Mandanna will strike the right chord among the Tollywood audience as well. While the Kannada version has been sung by music director, Chandan Shetty, who has also written the lyrics, the Telugu version has been penned by Bhaskarabhatla Ravi Kumar. The latter has written the lyrics for more than 125 films in Telugu. The track has been sung by Anurag Singh, who is known for his recent track, Ramuloo Ramulaa, from Allu Arjun's Ala Vailkunthapuramuloo. The song will be unveiled by the Pogaru team in the coming days.

Meanwhile, the Pogaru

team, led by director Nanda Kishore and producer BK Gangadhar, has completed the post-production work and is left with two songs to complete before they are ready with the film's release. Along with the Action Prince and Rashmika, the cast also comprises Dhyanraj, Mayuri, Ravi Shankar, Chikanna and Kuri Pratap. Pogaru has V Harikrishna and Chandan Shetty composing the background score. Vijay Milton is handling the camera. Pogaru will also have another attraction - bodybuilders Kai Greene, Morgan Aste, Johan Lucas, and Jo Linder will appear in the climax sequences.

AN ANTI-BABY BOOMER FILM

Aditya Shrikrishna

With "There's nothing left inside you to make life," says Dr Nikolay Ivanovich to Masha (Vasilisa Perylygina) at the hospital where they are treating the injured, battered, paraplegic soldiers who have managed to hold on to a tiny strand of life. It is 1945 Lenin-grad and the devastation of irreparable struggle is reflected in every inch of society and space that director Kantemir Balagov creates in Beanpole. The statement stands like an ominous act of divination about the Soviet Union itself, feeling the effects of the war, the country bearing the brunt of defeating the Nazis and with no hope of recovery soon. The Allied Forces of the West taste sweet success and the baby boomer era begins - a generational epoch, a time when the West birthed a generation that would go on to be the symbol of economic superpower, along with

the counterculture mores. In Beanpole, Balagov paints a dispiriting picture of that inchoate period in the Soviet Union, as a baby or the absence of one is what comes to define the equation between Iya (Viktoriya Miroshnichenko) aka Beanpole and Masha, a soldier who has just returned from the frontlines.

Balagov's reconstruction of the time is impressive, using green with a mix of limited warm colours to express an emotion tending towards the feeling of being lost, forgotten, or worse, omitted. Obliterated the country might already be, but the tired faces that must deal with incoming maimed soldiers and the scramble for rations are etched in the claustrophobic spaces and long takes of Beanpole.

Balagov's frames are busy; there is an early one with a group of patients entertaining themselves with Pashka - Masha's son who is under Iya's care while she is away - and they are performing charades for him to iden-



Beanpole

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tify, acting out like animals. They then ask Pashka to act one out for them to guess and Balagov frames this from behind the kid, looking at his audience, an array of dispossessed soldiers, looking down at him as their hope for the future, the one for whom they hope someone will rebuild the country now that they've taken care of bigger evils.

But the evils are still at play in Beanpole, in the form of being unable to bear another baby, in the rigid

divisions between the working and the ruling classes, not to mention the apathy of the latter. "Beyond the gates of the hospital, a peaceful life awaits," says an official visiting the hospital to check in on the patients and distribute gifts. That is not the face of someone willing to rebuild the country from scratch. Beyond those gates is a point no patient wants to cross, their resolve dialled up to alarming levels in a few cases as we gradually learn. Stepan, one of

the soldiers paralysed up to his shoulders, says that he must be the father of his daughters and not the other way round.

Balagov was inspired by Svetlana Alexievich's book, The Unwomanly Face of War, oral histories of women who were part of the war as nurses, snipers, doctors, etc in the frontlines. In Beanpole, Iya and Masha have already forged a tempestuous relationship by the time we see them together, but they deeply understand that they also have only each other. And Balagov puts them together in the same frame a lot. Beanpole is full of people - especially Iya and Masha - negotiating their relationship in a single frame, there are hardly any reverse shots. We have them looking deep into the eyes of each other with just thin daylight between them or hatching elaborate plans to have a baby between them in as few words as possible. Balagov uses these faces in silence more than words to convey their import, a challenge the two actors rise to with imperious aplomb.

Iya and Masha, while looking out for each other, suffer in different ways. Iya gets a form of epileptic seizures where she freezes for a few seconds, an ailment that invalidated her out of the army. This is trauma wrought clear on the face while also demonstrating that

hers is a life frozen in time, like the time the country itself feels stuck in. Masha is more of a doer, going to any lengths to secure her ambition and future. When she visits Sasha, son of the official who visited the hospital and the one who considers Masha his fiancé, Balagov leaps to white snow and a cooler shade of blue to represent a different Russia, the bourgeois in all its filthy splendour.

It is this test of tensile strength between the two - Iya pushed over the edge with her trauma of both on-field experience and a recent tragedy, and Masha pulling for a future that is very reminiscent of what a baby boomer kid in the West would have been in a better place to imagine - that Balagov indulges in. She tells Iya about the destined baby, "We'll raise him together, I'll be studying, and we'll go to the cinema." It's a dream that got written for a generation that authored its own pop culture and happened to be on the other side of the Cold War. But in Beanpole, Balagov insists, the immediate days after the war already hinted of a more everlasting cataclysm, as experienced by the two women struggling to create a shared life for them and one of their own. A quest to nurture challenged by the nature of the surroundings.